

## Hot Seat

*Blagojevich sentenced to 14 years in prison*

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich departs his home in Chicago, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, for the second day of his sentencing hearing on 18 corruption counts, including trying to auction off President Barack Obama's old Senate seat. Blagojevich, who once challenged a prosecutor to face him like a man, was nowhere to be found Wednesday as he was sentenced to 14 years in prison for corruption.  
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# Blagojevich sentenced to 14 years in prison

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**CHICAGO (AP)** — The Rod Blagojevich who once challenged a prosecutor to face him like a man,

"I caused it all. I'm not blaming anybody," Blagojevich said, trying with uncharacteristic humility to avert severe punishment. "I was the governor and I should have known better

Patti, fell into his arms; when he pulled back from their embrace, he brushed tears from her cheek. Illinois governors have gone bad with stunning frequency. Four of the last nine



Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, left, departs his home with his wife Patti in Chicago, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011. Blagojevich, who once challenged a prosecutor to face him like a man, the glad-handing politician who took to celebrity TV shows to profess his innocence, was nowhere to be found Wednesday as he was sentenced to 14 years in prison for corruption.

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Frowning and pulling nervously at his tie, the disgraced former governor seemed like another person as he stepped up to the address the sentencing judge.

His bluster, once as conspicuous as his famously lavish head of dark hair, wiped out since his June convictions on charges that included attempting to sell President Barack Obama's U.S. Senate seat.

In a low voice, the two-term Democrat apologized again and again, telling Judge James Zagel he had made "terrible mistakes."

and I am just so incredibly sorry."

It was not enough for Zagel, who gave the 54-year-old a sentence close to the 15 years to 20 years prosecutors had sought.

"The abuse of the office of governor is more damaging than the abuse of any other office, except the president's," he said.

"Whatever good things you did for people as governor, and you did some, I am more concerned with the occasions when you wanted to use your powers ... to do things that were only good for yourself," Zagel said.

Blagojevich slumped forward in his chair — momentarily frozen as the judge pronounced the sentence. Moments later, his wife,

have been sentenced to prison, including Blagojevich's predecessor, George Ryan, who remains behind bars. Blagojevich, who received more than twice as much time as any of other governors, was also more of a national spectacle — both because of the charges against him, and how he responded to them.

In the most notorious of the FBI wiretaps that sealed his fate, Blagojevich is heard crowing that his chance to name someone to Obama's Senate seat was "f---ing golden" and he wouldn't let it go "for f---ing nothing." His lawyers claimed the comments were simply "musings," but jurors and the judge agreed they were evidence of a crime. □

## US health official says no to teens on the pill

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

The U.S. health secretary stopped the Plan B morning-after pill from moving onto drugstore shelves next to the condoms, deciding in a surprise move Wednesday that young girls should not be able to buy it on their own.

The Food and Drug Administration was preparing

in a statement. "I do not believe enough data were presented to support the application to make Plan B One-Step available over-the-counter for all girls of reproductive age."

It was the latest twist in a nearly decade-long push for over-the-counter sales of pills that can prevent pregnancy if taken soon enough after unprotected sex. Major doctors' groups



This frame grab from video shows a box of Plan B morning after pill. In a surprise move with election-year implications, the Obama administration's top health official overruled her own drug regulators and stopped the Plan B morning-after pill from moving onto drugstore shelves next to the condoms.

(AP Photo)

to lift a controversial age limit and make Plan B One-Step the U.S.'s first over-the-counter emergency contraceptive, available for purchase by people of any age without a prescription. But Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius intervened at the eleventh hour and overruled her own experts.

Plan B instead will remain behind the pharmacy counter, as it is sold today — available without a prescription only for those 17 and older who show an ID proving their age.

Sebelius' reason: Some girls as young as 11 are physically capable of bearing children, and Plan B's Jerusalem-based maker did not prove that younger girls could properly understand how to use this product without guidance from an adult. "It is common knowledge that there are significant cognitive and behavioral differences between older adolescent girls and the youngest girls of reproductive age," Sebelius said

and women's health advocates say easier, quicker access to those pills could cut the nation's high number of unplanned pregnancies.

The decision shocked maker Teva Pharmaceuticals, which had been gearing up for over-the-counter sales to begin by month's end, and women's health groups. "We are outraged that this administration has let politics trump science," said Kirsten Moore of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, an advocacy group. "There is no rationale for this move."

"What else can this be but politics?" said Cynthia Pearson, executive director of the National Women's Health Network, an advocacy group that supports making Plan B available to all ages. "It's not science. It's not medicine. It's not women's health." Indeed, FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg made clear in her own statement that the decision is highly unusual. □



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# For the hyper-tidy, it's scrub the halls

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For most of us, the holiday season is a time of lists. There are wish lists, shopping lists, naughty and nice lists. But way down on the litany of to-do is one particular item that many find as off-putting as coal in a Christmas stocking: Clean the house.

After all, this is the time of year when you open your home to all manner of friends and family, who come to town to celebrate and, surely, to evaluate your housekeeping.

It's not an uncommon concern. We all have visions of holiday perfection for the house, but beyond the garlands and nutcrackers – and a reasonably upright tree – most of us fail in our pursuit of perfection.

Yet for a select breed of the hyper-tidy, this is a time to shine. Call them extreme cleaners (nice) or neat freaks (naughty), but these super-sanitary few are the keepers of the secrets to making a house as clean and welcoming as a Charlie Brown special.

## THE PROFESSIONALS

Sabrina Cusin, who runs a high-end cleaning service called (no kidding) New York's Little Elves, is currently dealing with the annual flood of holiday deep-cleaning jobs. And with the neurotic customer demands that inevitably come with it.

"We have people who say, 'I only want you to bring new mops, sponges, brooms and unopened flu-



**Sally Carle, an interior designer and home organizer, thoroughly cleans a toilet, in Bethesda, Md. Among the holiday lists, "cleaning the house" should be easier with a few designer tips.**

(Matt Roth/The New York Times)

ids," she said. "What can I say? Some people never wear underpants twice. One woman insisted on new vacuums. I drew the line. So she went out and bought two Miele's."

That doesn't sound so unreasonable to Nancy Bock. Bock, a spokeswoman for the American Cleaning Institute, said there was nothing outrageous about insisting on virgin machines and supplies. Not if it offers "the certainty that the product is the one that was originally poured into that bottle and that nobody else's sponge has touched the lip."

After all, she added, "What's extreme?"

## THE AESTHETES

For some, the need to keep things just so isn't confined to the holidays. Having invested in the services of a

well-known interior decorator, they feel a responsibility to maintain the look.

So designers like Steven

Gambrel furnish certain clients with what amounts to an operating manual for the decor, something known in the trade as a maid's book: a collection of photographs documenting the precise arrangement of pillows, tableware, curtains and even the contents of the hall closet (no puffy coats, no trailing scarves). No detail is left out. One photo, for example, shows the exact amount of sheet that should be folded back over the blanket – to the nearest inch – when making a bed.

"There's a frustration when the decorator leaves that the place is never going to look as good as when he styled it," Gambrel said. "The book is a document that allows for no misinterpretation."

## SACRED TEXTS

When it comes to house-

keeping, there are a number of reliable manuals. Martha Stewart's "Home-keeping Handbook" is, of course, required reading for the obsessive-compulsive domestic diva.

Another standard text is Cheryl Mendelson's "Home Comforts," an 884-page tome with chapters like "Peaceful Coexistence With Microbes" and a somewhat sexy-sounding section, "The Cave of Nakedness," having to do with bedrooms. (The title is about as racy as the chapter gets.) A casual reader might also pick up "Mrs. Meyer's Clean Home," which offers simple, practical advice. ("Got toothpaste dripping down the side of your sink? Dab it up with a cloth and rub it on your sink and shower faucets," Meyers advises, something she promises will actually brighten them up. Just like your teeth.)

All of these books, however, pale in comparison with the recently published "National Trust Manual of Housekeeping" (National Trust; \$75), which tops 900 pages and weighs seven pounds. It includes tips on everything from how to align your doormat (10 feet of coconut matting is recommended to truly demuck one's galoshes, after a good night of caroling) to the proper method of moving a dining room chair (lift from the seat rails, not the back, to avoid stressing it; at least the chair will be relaxed, even if you're not). □



**Kathryn Ireland, a Los Angeles-based decorator, removes wax from fabric using an iron and two paper bags in the laundry room of her home in Santa Monica, Calif.**

(Stephanie Diani/The New York Times)



# Police clear Occupy encampment in San Francisco

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Police gave protesters at San Francisco's Occupy encampment five minutes to gather belongings before taking down about 100 tents and arresting at least 85 people as officers dismantled the camp in an overnight raid.

About two dozen officers in riot gear remained at daybreak Wednesday, down from more than 100 who carried out the raid. They blocked access to the former camp site as trash crews raked up paper and plastic bottles and

the camps, which many cities declared health hazards and accused of interfering with local businesses.

Also Wednesday, police said 11 Occupy protesters were arrested in Washington after several dozen protesters lay down in the center of a busy downtown intersection on K Street, home to many lobbying firms.

The San Francisco raid began around 1 a.m., when dozens of police cars, fire engines and ambulances surrounded the campsite at Justin Herman Plaza and blocked off the area. City officials previously declared

rest to assault with a deadly weapon were still in custody. Jack Martin of San Francisco said he was trying to leave the plaza when he was zip-tied, taken to a police station, cited and released. Officers trashed his tent and personal belongings, he said.

Richard Kriedler with Occupy SF said some protesters were injured, but he didn't have the details.

"This is a very emotional town. We have anarchists, we have very emotional people that this is not going to go over well with, and this could have been handled a lot better," he said.



Occupy Wall Street demonstrator Brandon Brown holds a sign in front of police during a rally in San Francisco, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, outside the encampment that was closed by authorities earlier in the day. Brown said he was arrested during the early-morning raid.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

removed chairs and other belongings that had accumulated there over the past two months.

A handful of protesters stood by, occasionally jeering at officers but otherwise heeding their instructions to stay back.

The movement against economic disparity and perceived corporate greed began with Occupy Wall Street in New York almost three months ago, and police have removed Occupy demonstrators there and in a number of other cities.

In some cases, police used pepper spray and tear gas to get protesters to leave

the site a public health nuisance. Police didn't immediately say how many people were in the plaza at the time, but campers put the estimate at 150. "Most of the protesters went peacefully," but one officer received minor injuries when two people threw a chair that cracked his face shield, said officer Albie Esparza. They were arrested on suspicion of felony assault. Dozens of others were arrested for illegal lodging in the plaza and failure to disperse.

Esparza said about 15 people arrested on charges ranging from resisting ar-

In a statement, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee said the city had taken a "measured and balanced approach," including making an alternate site available to protesters. That site — an abandoned school — included a parking lot where the protesters could maintain their encampment, a classroom for meetings, and two bathrooms.

The city had taken out a six-month lease on the property and offered to send city trucks to help the occupiers move to the new location. It had given the protesters until Dec. 1 to leave the plaza. □



Dr. Brandon Foreman, second from left, a neurology fellow, is wired with electrodes by sleep researchers and studied as he sleeps on the A train, in New York. Dr. Carl Bazil, who has studied sleep patterns for 20 years, set out to discover if subway riders get any actual rest during their dozing on the train.

(Marcus Yam/The New York Times)

## To sleep on the subway, maybe, but to dream?

CHRISTINE HAUGHNEY

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**NEW YORK** — A ride on a New York subway can be a sensory overload: Sometimes musicians perform for change; conductors plead to those who hold open train doors to relent; and passengers, often in unimaginably close proximity, subject one another to all sorts of sights, sounds, smells and touches, preferably inadvertent.

Amid all of that, some New Yorkers nevertheless manage to fall asleep. Seats are found, trains begin their rhythmic rattles of movement, and eyelids flutter closed. Gritted jaws loosen, furrowed brows release and heads nod.

People outside of New York may wonder how in a city that never sleeps, so many New Yorkers manage to doze on the subway. There is no law against it, but those who take subway catnaps do so at their own risk: A recent Metropolitan Transportation Authority committee meeting featured a presentation on how criminals seeking iPhones slice open the pockets of dozing passengers.

So are these naps really worth the trouble?

Dr. Carl Bazil, director of the Epilepsy and Sleep Division at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, offered to try to find out.

Bazil, who has studied sleep patterns for 20 years, says there are five stages of sleep, with Stage 1 being the least restorative. After he boarded an uptown train on a recent morning, Bazil tried to guess what stage of sleep the nappers dozing before him were in. He said that to reach Stage 1 sleep, riders must be able slow down their eye movements. To get even more productive Stage 2 sleep, riders must relax their muscles and stop moving their eyes entirely.

As Bazil watched the riders sitting across from him, the nappers' eyelids fluttered when train doors opened. The riders also seemed to clench their messenger bags and backpacks with death grips.

"I suspect all you get is Stage 1 sleep; it's not going to be restorative," he said. "It's kind of wasted sleep."

At a reporter's request, Bazil wired up a sleepy subway rider to study his brain waves as he tried to nap on the subway. He enlisted Dr. Brandon Foreman, a 30-year-old neurology fellow, whose 2-year-old son, Jude, still does not sleep through the night. Neither does Foreman.

But he has observed how the subway lulls his son asleep, so he tries to replicate the train's stops and jerks when he puts his son to bed. Foreman is no stranger to subway napping: He began doing so when commuting from Brooklyn during his residency, and said he covets any sleep he can get. □



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# Newt Gingrich relishes role of antagonist

THOMAS BEAUMONT

Associated Press

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) —

Newt Gingrich grinned as he pledged to dog President Barack Obama at every turn and from coast to coast next year if he's the Republican nominee.

"The White House will be my scheduler, and whenever the president goes, I will show up four hours later to respond to his speech," the Republican presidential candidate said wryly on a recent visit to Iowa.

Seemingly in unison, the 500 Iowa Republicans crowded into the banquet hall rose from their seats applauding, for there he was — the tested antagonist that Republicans here have been craving to go toe to toe with the Democratic incumbent.

If there's any one reason that may explain Gingrich's sharp rise in Iowa, where he now leads in polls, it's this: Republicans, in Iowa at least, are aching for an attack dog candidate in the effort to beat Obama. Indeed, prospective Republican caucusgoers, who



Republican presidential candidate, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich addresses the 2012 Republican Presidential Candidates Forum hosted by the Republican Jewish Coalition, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011, in Washington.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

are looking for a fighter prepared to go up against the well-funded, politically deft and oratorically gifted Obama, have gravitated to other Republican candidates not shy about lobbing verbal bombs at Obama — Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann, Texas Gov. Rick Perry and businessman Herman Cain among them. But those candidates have either faded or dropped out. In real estate mogul Donald

Trump's case, he never ran but his no-holds-barred criticism of the president helped him briefly rise to the top of national polls. Enter Gingrich.

His pitched battles with Democratic President Bill Clinton while he was speaker of the House of Representatives serve as an important reminder to Republican voters that he's challenged the opposition at its highest level. But, should he win the Republican presi-

dential nomination, he will have to do more than rally the party's frustrated base; he will have to convince swing voters he can lead a worried nation. As Jim Dyke, a former Republican National Committee communication director now based in South Carolina, put it: "He's been a chief antagonist in the past, so that certainly gives him credibility. ... But we're not voting for chief antagonist. We're voting for president." First, however, the candidate must get through the Republican nomination race. And, less than a month until the leadoff Iowa caucuses, Gingrich's reputation as a bulldog

is setting up a key stylistic contrast to former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who is focusing largely on Obama's handling of the economy in his second bid for the GOP nomination. Compared with Romney, Gingrich seems more at home in the role of adversary. And he doesn't simply note his disagreements with Obama. He casts himself as the Democrat's philosophical opposite. "He is an Alinsky radical," Gingrich told The Associated Press last week, calling Obama a disciple of Saul Alinsky, the late left-wing community activist from Chicago. "And I am an American exceptionalist. □"

## Republicans promise to be better to Israel than Obama

RICHARD A. OPPEL Jr.

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WASHINGTON — The leading Republican candidates drew enthusiastic applause from Republican Jewish leaders here on Wednesday after arguing that President Barack Obama has all but sold out Israel while coddling its adversaries. But it remained to be seen how far those arguments will

carry them, especially given the candidates' rightward tilt on other issues that have traditionally been important to American Jews. The speeches showed that the candidates would take a substantially different approach on critical elements of the Middle East peace process policy than previous Democratic and Republican administrations,

notably by putting less pressure on Israel on issues like the contours of an independent Palestinian state. Newt Gingrich, the former speaker of the House, criticized a line of public discussion — which he blamed on the Obama administration — that he said holds that "it's always Israel's fault no matter how bad the other side is." □

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*Slightly plantable:*

# Replicating the gifts of the magi

**MICHAEL TORTORELLO**  
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The holiest plant of the Christmas season may be a raggedy shrub with peeling bark that seems to grow best in a dusty backyard in Tempe, Ariz.

This is *Boswellia sacra*, better known as the frankincense tree. The shrub's gum resin is one of the three biblical gifts that the wise men bestowed on the infant Jesus. Until recently, Americans

who wished to cultivate their own frankincense could only hope for another biblical house call. Marc Hachadourian, who manages the Nolen Greenhouses at the New York Botanical Garden, describes frankincense seed as hard to find and harder still to grow.

"In horticulture, there are a few plants that we joke about that have a miserable life," he said. "*Boswellia*

is only happy in its native environment. And even then, it's not as happy as it could be."

Today, a seeker can follow a bright star (OK, an eBay storefront) to a nursery called the Miniature Garden, in a two-bedroom house near Arizona State University. Here, across the street from a shabby apartment complex advertising move-in specials, lies an oasis for more than 3,000 exotic plants representing 300 species. One of these is frankincense. Another is a rangy assemblage of vicious thorns, called myrrh, a second gift of the Magi. (*Commiphora myrrha* is "scruffy" and "not very personable," Hachadourian said.)

This efflorescence in the Sonoran Desert is the vision of a 61-year-old architect named Jason Eslamieh. Yet for all his labors, the garden seems to exist almost by chance. How did a Bahai student from Iran with the given name Mohammad land in small-town Indiana, marry a Mormon by way of Texas and Mexico, score a bag of seeds from an American consultant in Yemen and become a guardian to the sacred plants of Christendom? The answer is what could only be an American Christmas story.

A good time to find Eslamieh working in the garden is anytime at all. He lives with his wife a few miles from the garden, down the street from his dear granddaughters. But for a couple



Jason Eslamieh's *Boswellia sacra*, or frankincense, seedlings, on his property in Tempe, Ariz. Eslamieh's book "Cultivation of *Boswellia*: Sacred Trees of Frankincense," contains tips he has perfected since starting Miniature Garden, a nursery focused on succulents from areas like South Africa and Somalia with an eBay storefront.

(John Burcham/The New York Times)

of weeks last month, he was also sleeping on an air mattress at the Miniature office while he tried to turn a snoozy Rottweiler puppy named Sacra into a fearsome guard dog.

"We got broken into twice that we know of," Eslamieh said, walking through a French door into the half-

acre backyard. "I don't care about material things. They could come here and steal my computer. I don't care." But it was intolerable to imagine the plants being vandalized. "Twenty years of work into the three genera of the Burseraceae is something I cannot replace." □

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# Baldwin apologizes to passengers, not airline

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Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Alec Baldwin issued an apology Wednesday to fellow passengers on an American Airlines flight that was delayed by his refusal to stop playing a cellphone game — but stopped short of apologizing to the airline or the flight attendant he later mocked on Twitter.

The “30 Rock” actor’s note, posted to the Huffington Post, instead lamented the state of modern air travel. Baldwin noted the financial struggles of airlines, saying the result is that air travel has devolved into an inelegant experience, akin to riding a Greyhound bus.

Baldwin said the level of service on U.S. carriers has deteriorated.

“Filthy planes, barely edible meals, cuts in jet service to less-traveled locations,” Baldwin said.

Baldwin writes that increased security on commercial airplanes after the

Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks has resulted in a “paramilitary” aura around air travel. “September 11th was a horrific day in the airline industry, yet in the wake of that event, I believe carriers and airports have used that as an excuse to make the air travel experience as inelegant as possible,” Baldwin writes.

Baldwin’s letter is the latest volley in a dustup with American Airlines, with the airline taking to social media Wednesday to maintain it was following federal regulations when it booted an “extremely vocal customer” from a flight for refusing to shut off his cellphone.

The airline, which earlier cited passenger privacy in declining to discuss the matter, said on its Facebook page it decided “to provide the actual facts of the matter” after Baldwin stated publicly he had gotten kicked off the flight.

The company never cited

the “30 Rock” TV star by name.

Baldwin took to Twitter after Tuesday’s incident at Los Angeles International Airport, saying he was asked to leave a New York-bound plane after a “flight attendant on American reamed me out” for playing a game on his cellphone. Baldwin said he was playing “Words With Friends” while the plane sat at a gate.

American said on Facebook Wednesday that Federal Aviation Administration regulations require that cellphones and other electronic devices be turned off as soon as the airliner’s door has been closed. The company said Baldwin refused to comply. “The passenger ultimately stood up (with the seat belt light still on for departure) and took his phone into the plane’s lavatory,” American Airlines said. “He slammed the lavatory door so hard, the cockpit crew heard it and became alarmed, even with the cockpit door closed and locked. They immediately contacted the cabin crew to check on the situation.”

The airline added that Baldwin was “extremely rude” to the flight crew, calling people “inappropriate names” and using offensive language.

Baldwin’s spokesman, Matthew Hiltzik, said Wednesday it was the flight at-



Alec Baldwin speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. Baldwin says he was kicked off a plane at Los Angeles International Airport on Wednesday, Dec 7, 2011 after having words with a flight attendant over an “addicting” word game he was playing on his cellphone.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh, File)

tendant who acted inappropriately. He said other people on the plane were violating the regulation and that Baldwin was singled out.

“The plane was already delayed half an hour at the gate when Alec was playing ‘Words with Friends,’”

Hiltzik told The Associated Press. “Other passengers who tweeted flagrantly violated these rules without any repercussions — proving that they were obviously selectively enforced.” Airport police have said they did not respond to the incident. □

## US border agent ‘kills man in struggle

**SELLS, Arizona (AP)** — A U.S. Border Patrol agent fatally shot a Guatemalan man in southern Arizona as the illegal border-crosser allegedly attacked an agent.

The shooting was the latest in a series this year that have raised tensions along the Mexico-U.S. border.

Julia Guzman, the consul general of Guatemala in Arizona, said the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sent her government a summary of the struggle, which began as border agents encountered a group of illegal immigrants.

Guzman said U.S. authorities reported that the 28-year-old became combative, got control of an agent’s collapsible steel baton and attacked an agent and a police dog.

She said the man, whose identity hasn’t been released, was shot once in the chest.

Authorities tried to resuscitate the man, but he was pronounced dead at the scene about 45 minutes later, Guzman said.

Other immigrants, including seven from Guatemala, were taken into custody, said Guzman, who interviewed the Guatemalans on Thursday and said none saw what led up to the shooting.

“We regret the loss of life, and we will fully cooperate with the investigation,” Border Patrol supervisory agent Steven Passemant said. He wouldn’t release the agent’s name and didn’t have any immediate information on the agent’s background.

FBI spokesman Manuel Johnson said his agency was investigating because the case involved an assault on a federal law enforcement agent. He would not release any information about the shooting. □

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# Military flexes its muscles as Islamists gain in Egypt

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**CAIRO** – Egypt's military rulers said Wednesday they would control the process of writing a constitution and maintain authority over the interim government to check the power of Islamists who have taken a commanding lead in parliamentary elections.

In an unusual briefing evidently aimed at Washington, Gen. Mukhtar Mulla of the ruling council asserted that the initial results of elections for the People's Assembly do not represent the full Egyptian public, in part because well-organized factions of Islamists were dominating the voting. The comments, to foreign reporters and not the Egyptian public, may have been intended to persuade Washington to back off its call for civilian rule.

"So whatever the majority in the Peoples' Assembly, they are very welcome, because they won't have the ability to impose anything that the people don't want," Mulla said, explaining that the makeup of parliament will not matter because it will not have power over the constitution.

He appeared to say that the vote results could not be representative because the Egyptian public could not possibly support the Islamists, especially the faction of ultraconservative Salafis who have taken a quarter of the early voting. "Do you think that the Egyptians elected someone to threaten his interest and economy and security and

relations with international community?" Mulla asked. "Of course not."

The military's insistence on controlling the constitutional process marked the latest twist in an ongoing struggle between the generals' council and a chorus

eral's remarks – an extraordinary question-and-answer session for an invited group of eight U.S. journalists and one British journalist, without any Egyptian news organizations – indicated that he was also talking to Washington. The Obama

council laid out its plans to foreigners first as they were by its reassertion of control. "This is an attempt to stage a coup, and nobody wants it – even the people who are against the Islamists," said Negad el Borai, a human rights activist in Cairo.

broadly representative of all segments of the population.

"Why does the council want to interfere?" he said. Mulla, for his part, insisted that he respected the fairness and integrity of the election, which began Nov. 28 and will continue in stages until January. But, he said, "In such unstable conditions, the parliament is not representing all the Egyptians."

He also appeared to escalate a mounting confrontation with the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamist group that is Egypt's best-organized political force, over control of the interim government.

The Brotherhood, whose political party emerged as the biggest winner in the early elections returns, with about 40 percent of the vote, have demanded that the parliament take over the right to name or dismiss a prime minister; Mulla insisted that the prime minister would continue to report to the military council.

Although the military's previous plans for the transition had called for the parliament to pick 100 members of a constituent assembly that would draft the constitution, Mulla made clear that the military council no longer intended to allow that. "The majority of the People's Assembly will not be the only one represented in the constituent assembly," he said, at times questioning the essential premise that an elected body could represent the general public. □



**Egyptian soldiers guard the entrance to a polling station before it was opened to voters outside a school in central Cairo. Egypt's military rulers suggested Wednesday that the unexpectedly strong showing in parliamentary elections by fundamentalist Islamists justified their maintaining authority over the transitional government and the process of writing a constitution to prevent a takeover by a conservative minority.**

(Moises Saman/The New York Times)

of liberal and Islamist critics who want the elected officials to preside over writing a new constitution.

Just three weeks ago, Cairo erupted in a week of bloody protests set off in part by the military's attempts to claim permanent powers to intervene in civilian politics and to enshrine in the constitution protection from scrutiny. Under intense pressure, the military appeared for a time to back down.

But the setting of the gen-

eral's remarks – an extraordinary question-and-answer session for an invited group of eight U.S. journalists and one British journalist, without any Egyptian news organizations – indicated that he was also talking to Washington. The Obama

administration joined the calls of Egyptian activists for the generals to turn over power "immediately" to a civilian government, and the generals have expected that the threat of an Islamist takeover at the polls might now give Washington pause.

He accused the military council of playing liberals and Islamists against one another in an effort to preserve its own power.

"This is madness," he said. "They are deciding to push the country toward a broad civil war."

Saad el-Katanti, secretary general of the Muslim Brotherhood's Freedom and Justice Party, told The Associated Press that his party also believed the constituent assembly should be



## Police investigate Deutsche Bank CEO

**FRANKFURT (AP)** — Police are investigating what they described as a “suspicious delivery” addressed to Deutsche Bank chief executive Josef Ackermann, the bank said Wednesday. Deutsche Bank spokesman Klaus Winker said police were alerted when the package was detected in the mailroom of the bank’s headquarters among the cluster of skyscrapers that make up downtown Frankfurt am Main. Frankfurt police confirmed a “suspicious item” was found among incoming mail at the headquarters around midday Wednesday, but refused to give any further details pending the outcome of an investigation into the package’s contents. Winker also declined to describe what was sent or to provide further information. The New York Police Department said it knew about the scare. Spokesman Paul Browne said the NYPD received information early Wednesday that a letter bomb addressed to Ackermann had been detected by X-ray screening in the mail room. He wouldn’t say where the information came from but said it was “reliable.”

He added that the European Central Bank — the governing body for the 17-nation common European currency — was listed as the return address. The ECB’s headquarters are located two blocks away, across a park where the Occupy Frankfurt movement has pitched its tents. Browne said that New York police had dispatched patrols to Deutsche Bank offices in the city and issued warnings to banks around New York City “solely as a precaution.” There was no evidence anyone was targeted in the city, he said. Ackermann, 63, was awarded a negative prize on Wednesday by anti-lobby group Lobby Control — based in the western city of

## Foreigners in China squeezed by pensions, taxes

**JOE McDONALD**  
**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — Foreign companies that are looking to China to shore up wilting global sales have been hit by higher payroll taxes, surcharges to subsidize unions and other changes that are making conditions tougher just as economic growth slows. The biggest worry for many is an abrupt order for foreign workers and their employers to start paying up to 40 percent of their wages for pensions and other welfare. Automakers face a possible tax hike, while tax authorities are testing a system to collect dues for China’s umbrella labor group from companies without union workers.

The changes come against a backdrop of critical coverage by state media of product safety and other complaints against high-profile corporations such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and energy giant ConocoPhillips Co. Companies also are uneasily awaiting the release of new patent and copyright rules they worry might push them to hand over technology. The pension and medical charges took effect Oct. 15, less than six months after they were announced. Companies scrambled to come up with the money while employees wonder



**German foreign minister Guido Westerwelle, right, shakes hands with his Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi at a press conference at Villa Borsig, the guest house of the Foreign Ministry, in Berlin, Wednesday Dec. 7, 2011. Foreign companies that are looking to China to shore up wilting global sales have been hit by higher payroll taxes, surcharges to subsidize unions and other changes that are making conditions tougher just as economic growth slows.**

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whether they will ever be able to collect the benefits. The cost “may make the difference for some companies between a profitable year and an unprofitable year,” said Adam Dunnett, deputy managing director of the Beijing office of consulting firm APCO Worldwide. The changes have prompted questions about whether Beijing’s attitude toward foreign companies that invested \$105 billion in China last year and employ nearly 10 million Chinese workers is souring. The communist government needs their investment and skills to develop

its computer, auto, energy, telecoms and other industries but sees them as rivals to Chinese companies it wants to build into global competitors. “China’s enthusiasm for foreign companies is certainly waning,” said James Zimmerman, a partner in Beijing with the law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton who has worked in China for 14 years. “The government has become more selective in the types of investments permitted market access and more critical of those investors that are either out of favor or perceived as troublemakers.”

Those hit hardest by the social charges will be consulting firms, international schools for foreign children and others with big foreign staffs that account for up to 70 percent of their costs. The impact on manufacturers should be limited because foreign employees are a small share of their workforces.

“This year we are probably going to just have to absorb it, which will probably cause us to show a loss,” said Tim McDonald, headmaster of the International Academy of Beijing, which has 260 students and 45 foreign employees.

Foreign companies are on edge about patent and copyright rules due to be released soon under an anti-monopoly law enacted in 2008. A vague section of the law forbids abuse of intellectual property to hamper competition and companies worry it might be used to compel them to give know-how to Chinese rivals.

Beijing needs to raise revenue to fulfill promises to improve schools and health care for China’s poor majority.

That comes as Communist Party factions wrangle over next year’s handover of power to younger leaders — a politically tense period when looking sympathetic to foreign companies can be a liability for officials. □

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# Rapid retreat of Chile glacier captured in images

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**SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)**—Researchers in Chile released a series of time-lapse photos Wednesday showing the dramatic retreat of a glacier in Patagonia.

The Jorge Montt Glacier is shrinking faster than any other in Chile, with its snout retreating 1 kilometer (more than a half mile) between February 2010 and January 2011, glaciologist Andres Rivera said.

Rivera said that global warming is a factor and that the glacier also is melting especially quickly because it partly rests in the waters of a deep fjord.

Researchers presented a video showing the glacier's yearlong retreat through a total of 1,445 time-lapse photos. It's one of various similar projects by researchers around the world documenting the loss of glaciers. Rivera has studied dozens of glaciers as a researcher at the Center of Scientific Studies in Valdivia, Chile. He said he and his colleagues didn't know how rapidly the glacier was shrinking until they put up two cameras with solar panels to charge the batteries and programmed them to shoot four frames a day.

"It was more or less clear that this was one of those retreating most quickly. But we didn't expect in the

year of working with these cameras that it would retreat a kilometer more. That was a surprise," Rivera said in a telephone interview. "This glacier is filled with surprises for us."

The glacier is about 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) south of Santiago in the Southern

the glaciers of the region have lost area, and Jorge Montt is the one that has the record retreat."

The researchers believe that based on a map from 1898, this glacier has retreated roughly 12 miles (19.5 kilometers) since then, Rivera said.

the rate of warming," said Richard Alley, a prominent glaciologist at Penn State University.

Rivera agreed, saying that he thinks climate change is the key trigger and that local conditions at the glacier are also having a big impact. He said his team

ruvian glaciers.

Barer and other glacier experts at a conference of geophysical scientists in San Francisco said the fastest retreating mountain glaciers are probably somewhere in South America or maybe the Himalayas.

"We see steady but accelerating retreat of glaciers" in the tropical Andes, Barer said. His calculations show that those glaciers are losing 1 percent of their water a year.

According to a recent study by British and Swedish scientists who analyzed about 350 glaciers in Patagonia, all but two of the glaciers have receded significantly since the late 1800s and have been shrinking at a faster rate during the past three decades. The study was published in April in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

Neil Glasser, a British glaciologist and one of the authors of the study, said he has also noticed in satellite images over the years that the Jorge Montt Glacier has been shrinking unusually quickly.

"We know that many glaciers in South America are retreating, but this one is retreating ten times faster than the land-based glaciers. It shows how sensitive calving glaciers are to warming atmospheric (conditions) and ocean waters," Glasser said. □



**This photo shows the retreat of the Jorge Montt glacier in Chile's Patagonia in a year period. The pink line shows where the glacier stood in Feb. 2010, the orange line shows where it stood in April 2010, the blue one where the glacier was in Sept. 2010, and the yellow one shows the glacier's limit in Jan. 2011, when this photo was taken. According to Chilean scientist Andres Rivera, Chief of the Glaciology Lab at CECs, the images show that the snout of Jorge Montt Glacier retreated 1 kilometer (more than half a mile) between Feb. 2010 and Jan. 2011.**

(AP Photo/Centro de Estudios Científicos)

Patagonian Ice Field, which blankets a wide swath of the Andes between Chile and Argentina.

"Patagonia has experienced climate changes at levels much more moderate than those observed in the rest of the world," Rivera said at a news conference. "However, almost all

It is a tidewater glacier that calves and releases icebergs as it advances into the fjord.

"Such glaciers typically do retreat in response to warming. But the speed of the retreat is controlled by the ability of icebergs to break off in the fjord, not by

measured the fjord's depth at about 1,300 feet (400 meters) in places, which was considerably deeper than they had thought.

The retreat rate of the glacier "is quite exceptional," said Michel Barer, a researcher at McGill University in Montreal who has studied the melting of Pe-

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# An Entrepreneur's rival in China: the state

DAVID BARBOZA

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**SHANGHAI** – It was the kind of entrepreneurial breakthrough that China counts on to make it a global leader in innovation.

Cathay Biotech, a private company here, developed a way to ferment hydrocarbons in industrial vats and turn them into advanced nylon ingredients for use in lubricants, diabetes drugs and other 21st-century marvels.

The patents Cathay won prompted Dupont, a leading global producer of nylon, to become one of Cathay's biggest customers. And the \$120 million that Goldman Sachs and other backers have pumped into Cathay in recent years primed investors in China and abroad to eagerly await a public stock offering that had been planned for earlier this year.

They're still waiting. According to Cathay, a factory manager stole its secrets and started a rival company that has begun selling a suspiciously similar ingredient, undermining Cathay's profits. Instead of planning to go public, Cathay is now struggling to stay in business.

In this counterfeit-friendly nation, employees run off with manufacturing designs almost daily. But according to Cathay, this was copying with a special twist: The new competitor, Hilead Biotech, is backed by the Chinese government.

Court documents show that Hilead was set up with the help of the state-run Chinese Academy of Sciences.

And because the project fit national and local government policy goals, Hilead received a \$300 million loan from the national government's China Development Bank. The loan came after the company won the approval of the party secretary of Shandong province, one of the country's highest-ranking public officials.

"We created a great product and they stole it," Liu Xiucan, Cathay's 54-year-old



Dr. Liu Xiucan, founder and chief executive of Cathay Industrial BioTech, in his laboratory in Shanghai. After more than a decade in which private companies like Cathay have been the prime engine of China's economic miracle, the Chinese government is eager to control more of that wealth - even if that means running over private companies.

(Ryan Pyle/The New York Times)



An employee moves final products for a shipment at the Cathay Industrial Biotech factory in Jining, China.

(Shiho Fukada/The New York Times)

founder and chief executive, said in an interview in his office.

In a lawsuit, Cathay has accused Hilead of patent infringement and theft of trade secrets. Hilead has countersued, claiming Cathay stole patents from the Chinese Academy. The government has taken Hilead's side, stripping Cathay of one of its top patents.

Although the specifics of the case are in dispute, the broad outline follows what some economists and academics consider a disturbing pattern.

After more than a decade in which private companies have been the prime engine of China's economic miracle, the Chinese government is eager to control more of that wealth - even if that means running roughshod over private companies.

Chen Zhiwu, a professor

of finance at Yale University and a harsh critic of the state's dominant role in the economy, says the Chinese government is smothering the private sector. "When the government is involved in business, it's hard for private companies to compete," Chen said.

The usurping of private enterprise has become so evident that the Chinese have given it a nickname: guojin mintui. In Mandarin, that roughly translates as "while the state advances, the private retreats."

Some prominent Chinese economists are warning that the potentially corrosive effects of an approach that favors government companies at the expense of the private sector could eventually stifle innovation, saying it could stunt China's long-term growth and quash the rising aspirations of the nation's 1.3 billion

people.

"If China doesn't deal with this problem and strengthen the private sector, this country's growth is not sustainable," said Xu Chenggang, a professor of economics at the University of Hong Kong.

Hilead executives declined to comment for this article. A Chinese Academy of Sciences spokesman would

say only that the lawsuit against Cathay was meant to protect his organization's "rights and benefits."

What is clear is that Hilead, with all its government support, has been able to slash prices. Cathay has had no choice but to do likewise, costing the company as much as \$10 million in profit over the last year, a drop of at least 20 percent. □

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# Making beauty their business

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**NEW YORK** — With a swirl of honey-blond hair, feline green eyes and a blue bloodline (her great-grandfather was Marcellus Hartley, the 19th-century philanthropist, whose funeral in 1902 drew Andrew Carnegie and J. Pierpont Morgan), Lauren Remington Platt ticks off all the checkboxes of a successful socialite. She is frequently photographed at fashion galas and charity balls, including the recent M Missoni for OrphanAid Africa party and the fall benefit for the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

But Platt, 27, isn't content to be a face of good causes. With a growing number of patrician young women, she is turning the work of being pretty into a business.

On a balmy Monday at Sant Ambroeus cafe in the West Village, where the maitre d'hotel nearly tripped over himself to greet her ("My boyfriend owns this place," she explained demurely), Platt, wearing slim black riding pants and a tweed jacket, told about how she had been working full time as a hedge-fund analyst assessing water utilities when she was invited to her first Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala in 2008.

"I ducked out during lunch for a blowout and then sat in the office bathroom trying to put my makeup on," she said. "Then, lo and behold, 20 minutes later, you're on the red carpet next to Gisele Bundchen, who had a hair and makeup team and six hours to get ready. It was such a fun event, but it was so stressful."

The experience sparked the idea for Vensette.com, introduced in March. Named for an amalgam of the Place Vendome in Paris and Marie Antoinette, the site offers bookings for a roster of about 30 hair and makeup art-

ists who will travel to the client's office or home.

Clients can choose from looks labeled with catchy names like the Siren (a 1920s-inspired wave) or the CEO (a rosy lip with

defined eyes that not long ago helped steel one Fortune 500 executive at 5 a.m. before ringing an opening bell on the stock exchange). A 90-minute session of daytime hair and

makeup costs \$250; more-complicated nighttime looks are \$325.

"Much of it is saving the women from themselves," Platt said. "The looks keep them in check, and the makeup artists are on hand to talk them out of something that may not work."

Platt is one of several socialites who have crossed over from charity boards to the beauty industry (although at least one started in the business: Aerin Lauder, who, after coming of age at the company her grandmother founded, Estee Lauder, will introduce her own line of beauty products and other items, Aerin, next year).

The likely role model for many of them, Gloria Vanderbilt, didn't sell only derriere-enhancing jeans back in the 1970s, she also offered a fragrance that is still sold on Amazon.com.

Olivia Chantecaille, an elegant, whippet-thin brunette often seen on NewYorkSocialDiary.com, is the creative director of Chantecaille, a successful skin-care and makeup line. Daphne Guinness, the heiress and aficionado of outlandish couture, will introduce a makeup collaboration with MAC Cosmetics on Dec. 26. And Julie Macklowe, 34, another hedge-fund veteran who attends many charity events, has founded vBeaute, a skin-care line that made its debut on Nov. 11.

"Going out is always about networking," Macklowe said, explaining her decision to capitalize on her social life. "A lot of the contacts in the fashion and beauty industry you make at events are invaluable. It takes years to build these relationships. I moved back to New York in 2002, and the relationships started then through my husband, my family and fashion events."

That husband is the real estate scion William Macklowe, a former husband of Tory Burch whom Mack-

lowe married in 2004. But along with her prominent partnership, Macklowe herself had a 12-year career in finance, which included a stint under Steven A. Cohen, the hedge-fund luminary. She is bothered by the title "socialite."

"I always find the term somewhat funny, and in this day and age, a misnomer," she said. "I just think of myself as a girl who works and who likes to go out. Especially in New York, most of the women I know from that scene also work. Sometimes it's a little misogynist."

David Patrick Columbia, who chronicles the upper class on his blog, NewYorkSocialDiary.com, has observed social swans spreading their wings over the years. "A lot of these girls, they don't need the money, but they need a profession," he said. "I see beauty as a very profitable business."

But, he added: "I think a lot of it is marketing, and some think that socialite girls have the kind of reach that celebrities have. I'm not so sure that is true. Estee actually went out on the street and worked it."

No one could accuse Macklowe of being hands-off, though. She spent two years developing her line, which features a complex based on the Alpine rose. The cornerstone is the It Kit, a travel-size set of eye cream, cleanser, moisturizer, serum and exfoliator, priced at \$165. Packaged in a dark silver case that could almost double as an expensive clutch, the kit is carried at Bergdorf Goodman, which will also exclusively sell the line's full-size products. The set will appear in about 100 stores, including Kirna Zabete, Maxfield in Los Angeles and the Webster in Miami, over the next few weeks.

"That is my personality; I don't do things halfway," Macklowe said, bright-eyed during a breakfast meeting at Balthazar, in SoHo. "I went to each retailer, one by one. □"



**Lauren Remington Platt, who founded Vensette, a hair and makeup artist booking service, in New York. Platt is one of several socialites who have crossed over from charity boards to the beauty industry.**

(Emily Berl/The New York Times)



**Julie Macklowe, a hedge-fund veteran, with products from her Beaute line at Bergdorf Goodman in New York.**

(Erin Baiano/The New York Times)



**Products from Julie Macklowe's line at Bergdorf Goodman in New York. Macklowe is one of several socialites who have crossed over from charity boards to the beauty industry.**

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## T.H. Palm & Company Hosts 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GNO



Palm Beach – Friends and fans of T.H. Palm & Company looked forward with a great sense of anticipation to one of the season's first parties, Girls Night Out, in its 7th edition this year.

Managing Director Jodi Tobman and the Salamander Group family members welcomed guests to the store, located street-side at Playa Linda Beach Resort, for a Tip Our Hats party, in celebration and appreciation of their local clients.

All Salamander Group associates wore feathered fashion hats so they could tip them, in reflection of the store's attitude of gratitude. Catered by Flavors, the delicious hors d'oeuvres included sliced filet mignon and fire roasted shrimp, over bottomless champagne cocktails, laced with camaraderie.



The evening also brought together some highly motivated women who represented six of Aruba's not for profit organizations. These six representatives received generous donations that night from T.H. Palm & Company.

"I had the privilege of speaking to all of them," says Jodi Tobman, "and they were so great, a powerful group of women.

We all recognize we have different strengths and together, we go full circle to create what we hope to accomplish, and to serve the community we love. I feel so blessed," she concluded.

Tobman was referring to the store's Tikkun Olam program under which shoppers designate 2% percent of their purchases to the charity of their choice, picking from a community menu with the option to choose between an elderly recreational facility, Club Kibrihacha, 60+, The Edmund



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The traditional gift given to guests at the end of Girls Night Out also reflected that attitude of gratitude, a baseball cap decorated with plenty of bling, proudly promoting Aruba's laid-

back Biba Lekker.

T.H. Palm & Company, on its fifth year of fund raising for the community under the Tikkun Olam program, delivers quarterly donations to Aruba's not-for-profit foundations. The repair on the world checks derive from funds donated by the Salamander Group and store shoppers.

Pictured here, the much-enjoyed 7th annual Girls' Night Out at T.H. Palm & Company. □



# Honored guests on Aruba



Recently Jonathan Boekhoudt from ATA had the pleasure in presenting to Mr. and Mrs. Busch from Berlin, Germany the "Distinguished Visitor" certificate. This certificate is bestowed

in the name of Aruba Tourism Authority and the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation on to visitors who have been coming for 10 or over 10 consecutive years. The ceremony was held at

the Bucuti beach resort. On photo you can admire Mr. and Mrs. Busch, Deborah from the Bucuti and Jonathan Boekhoudt ATA rep. Also, Denice and Erwin Kurtz from Ontario, Canada

were honored at the Marriott Surf Club. The couple has been coming for over 20 years thus making them entitled of the "Goodwill Ambassador" certificate. The Kurtz's love Aruba

because of the weather, friendliness of its people and Casino's. On photo you can admire Denice and Erwin together with John from the Surf Club and Jonathan Boekhoudt ATA rep. □

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# Mr. Sudhakar Sridharan wins \$1.616,- at the Aura Casino!

**PALM BEACH** - Mr. Sudhakar discovered his lucky streak in the newly renovated Aura Casino "where players win". He won a total amount of \$1.616,- at the Aura Casino at the Occidental Grand while playing on the brand new slot machines! Mrs. Sudhakar is on a vacation with his wife for a week, and they've been married 20 years. The management and staff

of the Aura Casino want to wish Mr. Sudhakar congratulations on his great win on the slot machine "The Last Emperor". The center of Aruba has definitely shifted here at the Aura Casino, which happens to be smack-dab in the middle of all the action on Palm Beach. Come and try your luck, maybe you can be one of Aura Casino's next lucky winners! □

## Sport Caribe Introduces Adidas Golf to Aruba

**ORANJESTAD** - A typical round of golf takes approximately four hours to complete. That much time on a golf course in the Aruban sun fatigues the body and depletes energy. Ask any local golfer and he will tell you that what you wear makes a huge difference between a good and a bad round of play.

Adidas golf shirts and pants are constructed with the latest CoolMAX technology to improve airflow to the skin which keeps the body cool during hours of play and helps fight fatigue, keep energy levels up. All of which lend the golfer the ability to achieve optimal performance right through the round.

Sport Caribe gave a number of local golfers an opportunity to test their latest shipment of golf apparel at Tierra del Sol on a typical hot Sunday afternoon when the temperatures peaked. After the round all players agreed the shirts and pants were not only very comfortable but they handled temperatures very well, reducing perspiration while out on the course.

Noted as the leader in golf apparel, Adidas is worn by more professional golfers around the world than any other brand. And now those same shirts, shorts, pants, belts and caps worn by the pros are all available at Sport Caribe for both men and women. Bags, gloves and shoes round up an impressive golf line offered by Sport Caribe. Even non golfers will be pleased with the styles of Adidas polos and long pants, which are not only stylish to wear to work but also very comfortable. □



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# Retirement? A fine time to build



The living area, which opens to the outdoors, at the home of Elaine Gorham and David Strip near La Jara in the mountains of New Mexico. The house, which is on 150 acres at a valley surrounded by national forest, offers a very different experience of indoor-outdoor living in a property that makes you go outside when going from one room to another.

(Robert Reck/The New York Times)

JOYCE WADLER

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**LLAVES, N.M.** – There are homeowners in the tropics who pride themselves on their outdoor living spaces, and we'd be the last to disparage them for having the nerve to walk barefoot from kitchen to the lanai when the temperature dips as low as 68 degrees. There could be bugs on those outdoor floors.

The house of Elaine Gorham and David Strip, on 150 acres in the mountains of New Mexico, offers a very different experience of indoor-outdoor living. The master bedroom and bathroom are in a building about 30 feet from the main house, where the living room, dining room and work areas are, so if they wish to rise and get something to eat on a December morning, they have no choice but to go outside. And winter, here in the mountains three hours north of Albuquerque, is winter: On cold nights, the temperature can dip to 30 degrees below zero. For four months of the year, there is 4 feet of snow on the ground.

So on a winter morning, when you get up and want to get a cup of coffee,

what do you do?

"David doesn't drink any caffeine, and I don't drink any hot beverages," Gorham, a retired physicist,

ked," Gorham said. "It's a very brief moment."

"It's not like the neighbors are going to be scandalized," said Strip, her part-



The home of Elaine Gorham and David Strip near La Jara in the mountains of New Mexico.

(Robert Reck/The New York Times)

told a visitor recently, in the literal way scientists will. Although, as she was wearing a brightly striped sweater and socks she knit herself, she was obviously an artsy and creative scientist.

So what if you get up in the morning and you want to get something to eat?

"You can actually go over the snow barefoot and na-

ner, a retired computer scientist dressed nondescriptly, in a work shirt and jeans, though his artsiness would become apparent soon enough. "She just did it this morning. She wanted to remind me to make omelets, and she just ran over to the kitchen before she got dressed." And the temperature was what?

"It was already 22 degrees," Gorham said. "We had a heavy frost, everything was glittering white."

"One of the aspects of the house," Strip added, is that "you cannot spend a day without going outside. In fact, you cannot spend a day without going outside several times. If you are going to live in the woods, you should live in the woods."

They are a longtime couple, together 28 years. She is 66, he is 59; both are former Easterners, both previously married and seeing no need to do it again.

Their house was designed by an architect and a friend of 30 years, Jonathan Siegel, of Siegel Design Architects in Albuquerque. It is obvious, even before you know about the detached private quarters, that Gorham and Strip wanted to be surrounded by nature. The side of their living room that opens to a pasture and mountain cliff is an entire wall of folding glass doors that opens to

crete kitchen counter and floors, the curving wood bathroom vanities and kitchen cabinets, even the master bed – were made by the couple. Both had had creative interests all their lives (Gorham in sewing, Strip in building furniture), but building their own house made them more creative. And retirement allowed those interests to blossom.

"When you're in the middle of your career, you can't just take time off for those hobbies," Gorham said. "Once you've retired, you have these bursts of energy for all these things you wanted to do for the last 25 years when you were working. I was just talking to a woman who had just retired. She said, 'I have so many quilt patterns in my head, I am going to just make them until I die.'"

This is not, however, the story of two frustrated artists. Gorham, who grew up in Brattleboro, Vt., where her stepfather worked at a bookbinding company and her mother worked for the telephone company, always loved math. She went through Brown on a full scholarship, got a Ph.D. in physics from Northeastern University in 1974, and went to work at the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. Strip grew up in Haddon Township, in southern New Jersey, got his Ph.D. in operations research from Cornell University and went to work at Sandia in 1978, specializing in robotics and computer science. They met at a party at her ex-husband's house in 1983. The attraction for him? "Smart women."

And for her? "Smart men." Undecided about whose place to live in, they bought a stucco house in Albuquerque. They both liked to hike and camp, and Albuquerque, which abuts the Cibola National Forest, was good for this. But Gorham, who retired in 1999, wanted to live in nature, far from neighbors, and Strip wanted to build his own house. □



# Vonn takes super-G for 4th win in a row

United States' Lindsey Vonn reacts after winning the women's World Cup super-G ski competition in Beaver Creek, Colo. on Wednesday Dec. 7, 2011.

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This Dec. 7, 2011 booking photo released by the Centre County Correctional Facility in Bellefonte, Penn.

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## Sandusky arrested on new child sex abuse charges

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Associated Press

**STATE COLLEGE, Pennsylvania (AP)** — The former U.S. college football coach at the center of a child sex abuse scandal was arrested Wednesday on charges brought by two new accusers, the Pennsylvania state attorney general's office said.

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky was taken to a county jail after being unable to post \$250,000 bail in cash. One of the two new accusers claims Sandusky molested him numerous times in a basement bedroom at Sandusky's home. One alleged victim claims he was assaulted after meeting Sandusky in 1997 and the other claims he was assaulted in 2004.

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## BOARD GAMES



## Sedin gets hat trick; Canucks whitewash Avs 6-0

Colorado Avalanche defenseman Kyle Quincey (27) puts Vancouver Canucks right wing Alex Burrows (14) into the boards during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Vancouver, British Columbia, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011.

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# Vonn wins World Cup super-G in front of home crowd

PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

BEAVER CREEK, Colorado

(AP) — American skier Lindsey Vonn has captured her first World Cup win on U.S. slopes by taking a super-G on Wednesday in front of a big crowd that was cheering her with ringing cow bells.

Usually reserved for the men, the challenging Birds of Prey course hosted its first women's race on Wednesday and Vonn turned in a dominating performance. She finished in 1 minute, 10.68 seconds, beating Fabienne Suter of Switzerland by 0.37 seconds. Anna Fenninger of Austria was third on the course in Beaver Creek.

Upon crossing the finish line and seeing her time, Vonn pumped her ski poles in jubilation, which riled up the raucous hometown crowd even more.

"One of my best races of my career," Vonn said, who is from nearby Vail. "Getting a chance to win at home, with a home crowd here, it's just more than I could've expected." Vonn has been focused



United States' Lindsey Vonn kneels down in front of the podium after winning the women's World Cup super-G ski competition in Beaver Creek, Colo. on Wednesday Dec. 7, 2011. Vonn was "Tebowing", mimicing Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow's kneeling-prayer celebration.

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despite recently announcing she is getting a divorce.

She's won four straight races since breaking the news

late last month.

The 27-year-old Vonn had plenty of support Wednesday as some kids were let out of school for this rare occasion. It's not often the women's World Cup circuit is this close to Vail. But a lack of snow in Val d'Isere, France, forced the International Ski Federation to move the super-G.

Instantly, that brought about jitters. She had so many family and friends in the stands that she didn't want to disappoint.

"In the start, I was probably the most nervous I've ever been," Vonn said. "It wasn't my best run. I almost went off course a couple of times, but I was able to charge on the bottom and make up some time."

While Vonn's 46th World Cup win moved her into a tie with Austria's Renate Goetschl for third on the career list, she will remember this victory more for finally breaking through in Colorado.

Before stepping on the top step of the podium at the post-race ceremony, Vonn

dropped to a knee with her skis in her hand and struck a prayer pose. She was simply joining the "Tebowing" craze. Out of respect for Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow, though, she asked his brother, who was at the race, if it would be disrespectful.

Vonn was given the green light.

"I said that if I won in Colorado, or at home, that I would do it," she said. "Go Broncos. I did it. Got to represent."

These days, nothing slows Vonn down — not even an unfamiliar course. The only time she's ever skied this hill was when she side-slipped the course during the 1999 championships as a teenager.

The course was tamed down a little bit for the women's race as the skiers went around the famed Golden Eagle jump.

Off the slopes, there were those who wondered how Vonn would do without her husband, Thomas Vonn, serving as an adviser and personal coach. □

## Sandusky

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The former coach already faced 40 counts of child sex abuse involving eight young boys over a 15-year span.

Sandusky lawyer Joseph Amendola says his client maintains his innocence. Sandusky has denied being a pedophile and has vowed to fight the case. In interviews with NBC and The New York Times, he has said he showered and played around with boys but never sexually abused them.

The case has shaken one of college football's largest programs and led to the firing of coach Joe Paterno, one of the winningest coaches in the country.

The new charges include four counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and two counts of unlawful contact with a minor, all of them first-degree felonies punishable by up to 20



Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, right, leaves the office of Centre County District Justice Daniel A. Hoffman under escort by Pennsylvania State Police and Attorney General's Office officials in Bellefonte, Pa., on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2011.

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years in prison and \$25,000 in fines.

Sandusky also was charged with a count of indecent assault and two counts of endangering the welfare of children. Those are third-degree felonies punishable by up to seven years in pris-

on and \$15,000 in fines.

Like some of the other victims, the two new ones, called Victims 9 and 10 by prosecutors, allegedly met Sandusky through The Second Mile charity, which he founded in 1977 for troubled kids. □



# Shorter NBA schedule has 42 back-to-back-to-backs

**BRIAN MAHONEY**  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Los Angeles Lakers will play games on the first three nights of the NBA season, the first of 42 back-to-back-to-back sets of games that teams will face during this lockout-shortened season. The NBA announced the compacted, 66-game schedule on Tuesday night, one that will require every team to play on three consecutive nights at least once. It will also force every team to navigate demanding stretches that are never seen during a full season, such as the nine games in 12 nights the Atlanta Hawks face starting with their Dec. 27 opener.

The league's 66th season begins with five games on Christmas, including the Lakers hosting the Chicago Bulls. Los Angeles then visits

Sacramento the next night before returning home to host Utah on Dec. 27.

Teams will play 48 conference games and 18 against the opposing conference, meaning they play only three nonconference opponents home and away. The league did preserve its most storied rivalry, with the Lakers traveling to Boston for a Feb. 9 matchup before the Celtics open a stretch of eight road games in 13 nights in March with games on back-to-back nights in Los Angeles.

Dallas and Miami also will play twice, following their NBA finals rematch on Christmas with a March 12 game in Miami. The Heat and Lakers also play two games. The NBA's only other shortened season in 1999, which was 50 games long, featured 64 sets of back-to-back-to-back

games and was plagued by sloppy basketball being played on fatigued legs. The NBA faces a similar predicament now after failing to reach a new labor deal in time to save the Nov. 1 start to the season.

Instead, a tentative agreement was reached on Nov. 26. Lawyers for the owners and players are still finalizing the rest of the deal, with both sides expected to vote on it Thursday before training camps and free agency open on Friday.

Aging teams such as the Celtics, Lakers and NBA champion Mavericks will have to pace themselves, while younger teams such as Oklahoma City figure to be better prepared for the grind. "You're not going to have those breaks of three or four days that you sometimes got in the old 82-game schedule, when



Atlanta Hawks' forward Josh Smith shoots during a voluntary basketball workout at Phillips Arena in Atlanta, Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011. Thursday was the first day players could return to team facilities since the NBA lockout began July 1.

Associated Press

it was the normal regular schedule," former NBA coach and current analyst Mike Fratello said during the schedule announcement on NBA TV. "Now

with everything being compacted, games come that much more quickly, you've got to gear up back up again, you move onto the next one immediately." □

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## SPORT BRIEFS

### Djokovic ends season with record prize money

LONDON (AP) — Novak Djokovic has ended the season with a record \$12.6 million in prize money. The 24-year-old Serb won 10 titles in 2011, including three Grand Slams, to easily beat the previous record of \$10.1 million shared by Rafael Nadal for his 2010 season and Roger Federer for 2007. Djokovic moved ahead of Andre Agassi to fourth on the career prize money list with \$32.9 million. Federer leads that list with \$67.4 million. The No. 2-ranked Nadal collected \$7.7 million in 2011 to take his career earnings to \$45 million and move above Pete Sampras into second place on the all-time list. □



Serbia's Novak Djokovic reacts to a point lost to Janko Tipsarevic during a round robin single tennis match at the ATP World Tour Finals at O2 Arena in London, Friday, Nov. 25, 2011.

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### NFL announces 4-game suspensions for 2 Redskins



This Nov. 27, 2011 file photo shows Washington Redskins' Trent Williams celebrating the Redskins' 23-17 win over the Seattle Seahawks in an NFL football game, in Seattle

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NFL has announced four-game suspensions for Washington Redskins tight end Fred Davis and left tackle Trent Williams for undisclosed violations of the league's substance abuse policy.

The league said on Tuesday they were suspended without pay and will be eligible to return to Washington's active roster on Jan. 2 — the day after the final regu-

lar season game against the Philadelphia Eagles. The suspensions had been expected.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Sunday that Davis and Williams were expecting to be penalized after failing multiple drug tests. The person spoke anonymously because of the confidential nature of the league's drug testing policy. □

## Barry Bonds' attorneys seek probation, not prison



Former San Francisco Giants baseball player Barry Bonds arrives at the Phillip Burton Federal Building for his perjury trial as jurors resume deliberation in San Francisco.

PAUL ELIAS  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Lawyers for Barry Bonds asked a federal judge on Tuesday for probation when Major League Baseball's all-time home-run leader is sentenced for obstruction of justice later this month. Bonds, 47, was convicted in April of obstructing a grand jury's sports doping investigation with an evasive answer. Prosecutors dropped three other perjury counts after the jury deadlocked on those charges, which accused Bonds of lying to the grand jury when he denied knowingly taking performance-enhancing drugs. Federal sentencing guidelines recommend a

prison sentence of 15 to 21 months for the obstruction of justice charge. Bonds' lawyers, however, cited an investigative report prepared by a federal probation officer for the judge that also recommended a sentence of probation. In their motion, the lawyers said the report cited Bonds' "significant history of charitable, civic and prior good works" as a major reason for leniency. The probation officer also noted that Bonds' conviction appears "to be an aberration when taken in context of his entire life," according to the lawyers. "The behavior for which Mr. Bonds is to be sentenced relates to his obstruction of justice conduct

before the grand jury," the lawyers quoted the probation officer as saying in the sentencing recommendation. "The sentence to be imposed should not be about steroid use and how this use impacts his stature." The lawyers said they disagreed, however, with the probation report's recommendation that Bonds spend an unspecified amount of time under "location monitoring," a form of home confinement. The lawyers said the probation officer recommended probation because other sports figures convicted of similar charges stemming from the same doping investigation also avoided prison. □

## European team announced for Duel in the Pool vs U.S.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado (AP) — Olympians Laszlo Cseh and Daniel Gyurta of Hungary, Lotte Friis of Denmark and Marleen Veldhuis of the Netherlands are among the 41 European swimmers who will take on an American team at Duel in the Pool on Dec. 16-17.

The biannual short-course competition will be at the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, site of the 1996 Olympics.

Among those on the European men's team are Olympians Markus Rogan of Austria, Dominik Meichtry of Switzerland and Pal Joensen of the Faroe Islands. The

women's team includes Gemma Spofforth of Britain, Katinka Hosszu of Hungary and Ranomi Kromowidjojo of the Netherlands.

The U.S. team is led by Olympians Ryan Lochte, Brendan Hansen, Natalie Coughlin, Rebecca Soni, Missy Franklin, Amanda Beard and Dana Vollmer.

American Dennis Pursley will coach the European team. The U.S. is 4-0 in the history of the event.

Swimmers will be awarded \$1,500 for gold medals, with world records earning up to \$15,000. □



## NHL Roundup

## Pavelec stops 39 as Jets top Bruins 2-1

## WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)

— Bryan Little scored the go-ahead goal in the third period and Ondrej Pavelec made 39 saves as the Winnipeg Jets beat the Boston Bruins 2-1 in the NHL on Tuesday. The Bruins lost in regulation for the first time since Oct. 29, ending a 15-game stretch in which they earned 29 of a possible 30 points.

The Jets have won six of their last seven games at home, and moved above .500 for the first time this season.

Little scored 94 seconds after Shawn Thornton leveled the score at 1-1 for Boston.

\*Canucks 6, Avalanche 0 In Vancouver, British Columbia, Daniel Sedin got his fifth career hat trick to lead the Canucks to their seventh victory in eight games. Sedin opened the scoring on Vancouver's first shot of the game. He now has six goals in his last four games after an eight-game drought.

Jannik Hansen added two goals for the Canucks, who got four third-period goals in a span of 4½ minutes.

\*Blues 3, Red Wings 2

In St. Louis, David Backes and Alex Steen scored power-play goals as the Blues broke out of a 2-for-39 slump with the man advantage in a victory against Detroit.

The Blues entered the game having scored eight goals in 87 power-play chances — the worst record in the NHL.

St. Louis has won nine of its 14 games since Ken Hitchcock replaced Davis Payne as coach.

Detroit's Jonathan Franzen scored for the third straight game and Danny Cleary added a goal with 1:20 to go.

\*Ducks 3, Kings 2

In Anaheim, California, Bobby Ryan's awkward shot glanced off Drew Doughty's shin and past Jonathan Quick with 48.8 seconds to play as the Ducks escaped with a victory over the Kings.

Jonas Hiller made 37 saves for the Ducks, who got

their first victory under new coach Bruce Boudreau and just their fourth in 22 games.

Justin Williams tied the game for the Kings at 2-2 with 11:10 to play.

\*Devils 3, Maple Leafs 2, OT In Toronto, David Clarkson scored twice, including 2:40 into overtime, to lift New Jersey over Toronto.

Ilya Kovalchuk also scored for the Devils, and Martin Brodeur made 31 saves.

Clarkson scored the winner after taking a feed from Dainius Zubrus in the slot and beating Reimer through his pads.

Phil Kessel scored his 17th goal of the season for Toronto. Matt Frattin also scored for the Leafs.

\*Islanders 5, Lightning 1

In Uniondale, New York, Matt Martin scored his second game-winning goal in his three-year NHL career as the Islanders shook off a slow start and routed Tampa Bay.

John Tavares, Milan Jurcina, David Ullstrom and Matt Moulson also scored for New York, which has won four of its last seven games. Martin St. Louis gave Tampa Bay a 1-0 lead in the first, but the Islanders scored three times before the end of the period to take a commanding lead. Tampa Bay has lost five in a row.

\*Wild 2, Sharks 1

In San Jose, California, Mikko Koivu and Pierre-Marc Bouchard scored late in the first period to lead Minnesota past San Jose.

Matt Hackett made 34 saves in his NHL debut for the Wild. He replaced starter Josh Harding, who left the game with an apparent neck injury after allowing Joe Pavelski's goal in the first minute of play.

The Sharks have lost four of their last five games.

\*Blue Jackets 3, Canadiens 2, SO

At Montreal, Rick Nash's shootout goal lifted Columbus over Montreal.

Curtis Sanford was perfect in the shootout, turning aside shots by David Desharnais, Max Pacioretty and Brian Gionta.

Gionta scored a goal with 1:21 left in regulation to send the game to overtime.

R.J. Umberger had a goal and an assist, and Vinny Prospal also scored for Columbus, which had lost three of four.

\*Flames 7, Hurricanes 6

In Calgary, Alberta, Brendan Morrison had two goals and two assists as Calgary edged Carolina in its highest-scoring game of the season.

Jarome Iginla had two goals and an assist for Calgary, and Lee Stempniak, Rene Bourque and Mikael Backlund also scored.

The Flames have won four of their past six games.

Eric Staal scored twice for the Hurricanes, who have dropped seven straight.

\*Coyotes 3, Predators 2

In Nashville, Tennessee, Keith Yandle scored with 1:45 remaining to give Phoenix a win against Nashville.

Ray Whitney and Taylor Pyatt also scored for the



New Jersey Devils center Ryan Carter, left, takes Toronto Maple Leafs' David Steckel head first into the boards as they chase down the puck during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Toronto, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011.

Associated Press

Coyotes, who won their second straight game.

Jack Hillen and Shea Weber had goals for Nashville, which has dropped six of its last eight.

In other NHL games it was Columbus 3, Montreal 2, SO; New Jersey 3, Toronto

2, OT;

N.Y. Islanders 5, Tampa Bay 1; St. Louis 3, Detroit 2; Phoenix 3, Nashville 2; Winnipeg 2, Boston 1; Calgary 7, Carolina 6; Vancouver 6, Colorado 0; Anaheim 3, Los Angeles 2; and Minnesota 2, San Jose 1. □



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# Is excessive perspiration treatment worth it?

**SCOTT KENEALLY**

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For the better part of 10 years, I have dressed almost exclusively in black shirts. Not out of choice, but out of necessity. I have incessantly sweaty armpits, you see, and that's the only way to conceal them.

Since the onset of the condition in my early 20s, I've tried everything to tackle it. From supercharged antiperspirants to jury-rigging Depends into my pits with an Ace bandage. Like I said, everything.

Botox was the only strategy that worked. And for a year, until it wore off, I enjoyed fashion freedom, wearing colored shirts with impunity. But since I cannot afford an annual Botox treatment (upward of \$1,000), I've hoped for a longer-lasting solution.

That day might have arrived. The Food and Drug Administration has cleared a new treatment, miraDry, for sweaty pits, or axillary hyperhidrosis, as the condition is known in medical parlance. According to literature provided by Miramar Labs, the California company behind the technology, "The miraDry System non-invasively delivers precisely controlled electromagnetic energy to the region where the sweat glands reside, and destroys the sweat glands."

And since these glands do



**A treatment to reduce excessive underarm perspiration leaves one man wondering if it was worth it.**

(Katherine Streeter/The New York Times)

not regenerate after treatment, the company promises "dramatic and lasting reduction of underarm sweat." Dr. Stacy R. Smith, the dermatologist who ran the clinical trials for Miramar, said that "around 80 percent of people report that sweat is either no longer an issue, or at least tolerable, a year after their second procedure."

While miraDry will not be widely available for a few months, some dermatology centers across the country offer the treatment. Each

place sets its own price, though it generally runs around \$2,000 for each of the two recommended treatments. Since \$4,000 is beyond my budget for any cosmetic procedure, I was thrilled to find out that the Laser and Skin Surgery Center of Northern California, in Sacramento, was offering a promotional half-price rate. I borrowed the money from my father-in-law, suggesting that it was an investment in his daughter's happiness, and drove two hours east from my home in

Healdsburg.

It wasn't until I reviewed the consent forms and learned that the side effects could include "burning" and "infection" that doubt slunk in. During my consultation with Becky Sprague, my miraDry-certified nurse practitioner, she warned me that one of the clinic's six patients to date had complications. She said that the heat had injured the patient's brachial plexus, a network of nerves, and that a month later the patient had "two fingers that are numb and tingly still."

Sprague, or Becky as she preferred to be called, assured me that this was extremely rare, though when I crunched the numbers it seemed as though I had a 17 percent chance of being unable to type a bad word about the experience. (Smith said that when you factor in the results of all patients treated in clinical trials and practice studies, that number falls below 1 percent.)

"What about cancer?" I asked. "My friends all seem to think that I'm going to get armpit cancer."

Becky's response was a little frank for my taste: "I honestly don't know," she said. "I don't think it's been around long enough to really make that determination."

Gulp. Still, I proceeded. The next step was to shave my pits. Becky offered me

a disposable razor, and I thought: Seriously? Have you seen my armpits? There's enough hair to stuff a comforter. Luckily, I had a beard trimmer in my car.

With my underarms smooth to the touch and creepy to the eyes, Becky marked up the hair-bearing "sweat zone" with the help of a sizing template.

"You have the biggest armpits I've ever seen," she marveled. Far from being a compliment, it was a warning. Whereas the average patient might receive 30 shots of the numbing agent Lidocaine under each arm, I needed 61. If this sounds unpleasant, that's because it was. The first shot felt like a bee sting. Then came the next 121. Once numb, it was time to begin. Becky readied the miraDry machine, which looked like an old-fashioned desktop computer on wheels, with a monitor and two cords running to a showerhead-shaped handpiece.

With the help of a map on the monitor, Becky aligned the handpiece with the marks on my skin, pulled the trigger, and ... I felt nothing. I did hear what sounded like Enya emanating from the base station. I wasn't sure if it was designed to help patients relax or to indicate when the machine was activated, but I was relieved that the procedure was painless. □

## Big promise is seen in 2 new breast cancer drugs

**MARILYNN MARCHIONE**

AP Chief Medical Writer

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — Breast cancer experts are cheering what could be some of the biggest advances in more than a decade: two new medicines that significantly delay the time until women with very advanced cases get worse. In a large international study, an experimental drug from Genentech called pertuzumab held cancer at bay for a median of 18 months when given with standard treatment, versus 12 months for others given only the usual treatment. It also strongly appears to be improving survival, and fol-

low-up is continuing to see if it does.

"You don't see that very often. ... It's a spectacular result," said one study leader, Dr. Sandra Swain, medical director of Washington Hospital Center's cancer institute.

In a second study, another drug long used in organ transplants but not tried against breast cancer — everolimus, sold as Afinitor by Novartis AG — kept cancer in check for a median of 7 months in women whose disease was worsening despite treatment with hormone-blocking drugs. A comparison group that received only hormonal med-

icine had just a 3-month delay in disease progression.

Afinitor works in a novel way, seems "unusually effective" and sets a new standard of care, said Dr. Peter Ravdin, breast cancer chief at the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio.

He has no role in the work or ties to drugmakers. Most patients have tumors like those in this study — their growth is fueled by estrogen.

Results were released Wednesday at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium and some were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine. □

**TV personality Giuliana Rancic attends the Rachel Zoe Spring 2012 fashion show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York. Six weeks after revealing that she has breast cancer, E! News host Giuliana Rancic, 37, announced on NBC's "Today" show that she will have a double mastectomy to avoid the possible onset of breast cancer.**

(AP Photo/Charles Sykes, file)







Research In Motion India (RIM) Marketing Director Krishnadeep Baruah, left, and Asia Pacific Product Management Senior Director Francois Mahieu pose with the newly launched BlackBerry phones at an event in New Delhi, India, Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011. Associated Press

## RIM forced to change name of software

BY ROB GILLIES  
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**TORONTO (AP)** — BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion has been forced to change the name of its new operating system from BBX after the company lost a trademark ruling.

The name change is the latest in a string of bad news for the Canadian company.

RIM said in a statement Wednesday that "BlackBerry 10" will be the new brand name for its next generation mobile platform. Analysts say RIM's future depends on a successful launch of the new platform which RIM dubbed BBX in October.

A U.S. federal court judge in Albuquerque, New Mexico, banned RIM from using the BBX name at a conference being held in Singapore this week after finding that software company Basis International Ltd. had registered and used the trademark for 26 years.

RIM said the new name builds on the established BlackBerry brand. BGC Financial analyst Colin Gillis called the forced name change yet another misstep by RIM.

"Is anything going right for this company?" Gillis said. "It shows the perceived chaos that's happening at the firm. It strengthens this perception of chaos and poor execution."

Gillis said products, ideas and direction are not being thought out with enough rigor.

BlackBerrys that run on the new operating system are expected to be released in 2012 after a delay of several months.

RIM disappointed in October when they didn't announce a clear timeline for when it would release phones with the new software. The software was originally called QNX after RIM acquired the Canadian software-maker QNX last year. □

## U.S. Justice Dept checking e-book sales practices

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. Justice Department is looking into possible anti-competitive practices involving e-book sales.

A department spokeswoman says that Sharis Pozen, the acting head of the antitrust division, confirmed the inquiry at a hearing before a House Judiciary subcommittee.

Pozen says the department

has been working with the European Union and state attorneys general in the U.S.

The EU's antitrust watchdog said Tuesday that it was investigating whether Apple helped five major publishing houses illegally raise prices for e-books when Apple launched its iPad tablet and iBookstore in 2010. □

# iPads become child's play

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AP Business Writer

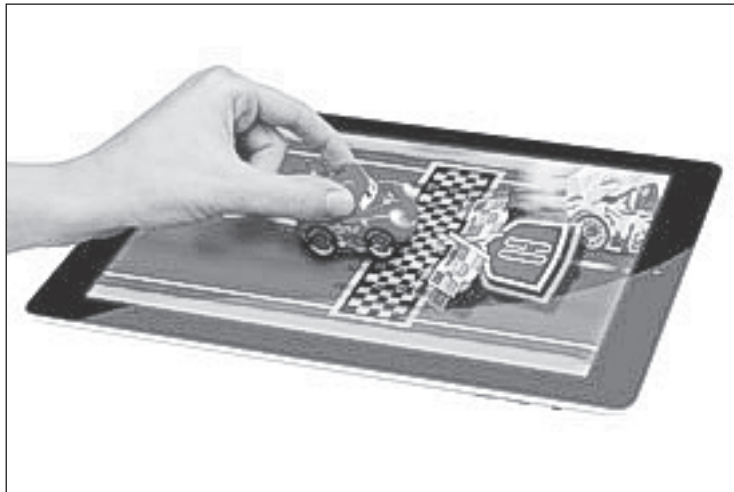
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Make room in the toy box for the iPad.

Crayola allows tots to doodle on the iPad using its iMarker just as they would a crayon on a coloring book. Tweens are able to belt out their favorite Miley Cyrus and Selena Gomez tunes on a Disney microphone that turns the tablet into a karaoke machine. And technology accessories company Griffin enables teens to fly its toy helicopter by using the iPhone as a remote control.

This holiday season, toy makers have turned Apple Inc.'s pricey tablet and smartphone into playthings for kids. They figure in this



This product photo provided by Spin Master Ltd, shows the AppBlaster. The \$19.99 AppBlaster, a plastic gun for kids over 8 years old. After slipping an iPhone or iPad touch on top of the AppBlaster, kids can shoot at aliens that pop up on the screen. Associated Press



This undated product photo provided by Disney, shows the Disney AppMates. AppMates, is a toy car based on the characters from the company's "Cars 2" animated movie. One car sells for \$12.99 while a two-pack goes for \$19.99. The free app lets kids drive around on different courses by moving the car across the iPad screen

Associated Press

weak economy, parents will be willing to splurge on toys for their children that utilize devices they already have — or want — themselves.

Tiffany Fessler of Gainesville, Georgia, certainly was willing to do that even though when she initially bought her \$829 iPad she never imagined she'd be sharing it with her 20-month-old son. But whenever she sat down to check emails on the iPad, he'd climb into her lap wanting to use it.

So, Fessler decided to get him the \$29.99 Crayola iMarker, which transforms the iPad into a digital coloring book using a Crayola's free ColorStudio HD application that parents

can download. Kids can draw and color using the iMarker, which has a soft tip so it doesn't scratch the tablet's glass screen.

"When you have a screaming toddler in a restaurant or any public area, you want to have something to calm him down with," says Fessler, 39. "This is just another way to keep him entertained."

That the iPad and iPhone have infiltrated the \$22 billion toy market this season is no surprise. Smartphones and tablets — particularly Apple products — are more popular than ever with people of all ages. This year, Apple is expected to double the number of iPhones sold to 90.6 million

worldwide, according to research firm Gartner, while the number of iPads sold is expected to triple to 46.7 million.

And Apple products have a certain "cool factor" with kids that toy companies, which can make up to half of their revenue during the holidays, are hoping to tap into. In fact, the iPad and iPhone are among the most coveted electronics this holiday season among kids. About 44 percent of 6- to 12-year-olds want the iPad this year, according to a survey by research firm Nielsen. The iPod touch came in the No. 2 spot with 30 percent, followed by the iPhone at 27 percent.

Not to mention, anyone who's a parent knows all too well that babies and older kids alike love to fiddle with or drool all over mommy's iPad. Nearly 40 percent of 2-to 4-year-olds have used a smartphone, iPad or video iPod, according to a survey by nonprofit group Common Sense Media. That number rises to 52 percent for 5- to 8 year olds. And even 10 percent of infants have used one of the devices before their first birthday.

"It's mostly something for kids to use in the car or at the doctor's office," says Chris Baynes, a toy analyst. "It's a way to get the kid to be quiet." □



# Stocks close mixed as traders await Europe news

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Optimism about a European debt-crisis summit this week rose and fell on Wednesday, but U.S. stock indexes barely budged.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 46 points higher, while other indicators were mixed.

Hopes have been building for the summit, which wraps up Friday. Traders hope it will generate a lasting solution to the two-year-old debt crisis.

On Wednesday, French and German leaders sought to downplay those expectations. Traders

hope that European countries will link their budgets more closely and impose greater fiscal discipline on heavily indebted nations like Greece. Officials said Wednesday that a deal this week might include only some countries, and crafting a fuller plan might take until Christmas.

"The pattern has been, get your hopes up, then be disappointed by EU summits, and that pattern has been in place for a while," said Steve Van Order, fixed income strategist at Calvert Investment Management.

The Dow rose 46.24 points, or 0.4 percent, to close at 12,196.37. Its biggest gains came from financial companies. JPMorgan Chase & Co. rose 2.3 percent, Bank of America Corp. rose 1.9 percent and insurance giant Travelers Cos. Inc. rose 1.8 percent. Machinery maker Caterpillar Inc. fell 1.1 percent, the most in the Dow 30.

The Standard & Poor's 500

index rose 2.54 points, or 0.2 percent, at 1,261.01. The Nasdaq composite index lost 0.35, or 0.01 percent, to 2,649.21.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.03 percent from 2.09 percent

ish and Italian government debt rose. That means investors are demanding higher returns because of fears that one of those nations might default. Borrowing costs for Spain and Italy had fallen sharply until Tues-

\$205.2 million takeover offer.

— Men's Wearhouse Inc. surged 20 percent after reporting third-quarter results that topped Wall Street's expectations. The company also raised its full-year



**Specialist Christopher Culhane, left, works with traders on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

late Tuesday.

Traders have been growing restless with the delays in getting a resolution to Europe's debt crisis. Rating agencies have warned of possible downgrades for nations using the euro if they do not quickly set a firm plan for solving the two-year-old ordeal.

In Europe, yields on Span-

day, having reached dangerously high levels a week earlier. European stocks were mostly lower. Germany's DAX fell 0.6 percent, Britain's FTSE 0.4 percent.

In U.S. corporate news:

— Struggling women's clothing company Talbots Inc. jumped 70 percent after private-equity firm Sycamore Partners made a

earnings forecast.

— SAIC Inc. rose 6.6 percent after the defense contractor reported results that beat Wall Street's expectations.

— First Solar Inc. jumped 4 percent after the company reached a deal to sell a planned California energy farm to MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co. □

## AstraZeneca to cut 1,150

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**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — AstraZeneca PLC will cut roughly 24 percent of its U.S. sales force in a push to curb costs as the drug-maker fends off growing generic challenges. The British company said Wednesday that it will cut 1,150 employees, including sales representatives and managers. It employs 14,000 people in North America, with most of those working in the United States.

"These changes are driven by the need to effectively compete in a challenging environment," spokesman Tony Jewell said.

Wednesday's announced layoffs are in addition to 400 cuts in AstraZeneca's U.S. commercial business laid out in October.

They also are in addition to cuts that stem from a restructuring plan announced in January 2010. The maker of the cholesterol fighter Crestor and the antipsychotic Seroquel plans to cut 10,400 jobs worldwide through 2014 as part of that plan. It will cost AstraZeneca about \$2 billion but generate annual savings of about \$1.9 billion.

The restructuring announced last year was an extension of still another cost-cutting program launched in 2007, which had saved the company \$1.6 billion annually by the end of 2009.

AstraZeneca employs about 61,000 people worldwide. At the end of 2006, AstraZeneca employed more than 66,000 people. As it cuts jobs, the company has also been hiring in emerging markets.

Based in London, it's the second-largest pharmaceutical company in the United Kingdom, behind GlaxoSmithKline Plc. Last year, AstraZeneca earned nearly \$11 billion on \$33.3 billion in revenue.

The drugmaker received a boost in July when its long-delayed blood thinner Brilinta won U.S. regulatory approval. □

# Treasurys edge up on Euro deal

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. government bond prices edged up Wednesday after French and German officials lowered expectations that European leaders could craft a far-reaching agreement at a meeting this week.

European leaders will meet Friday to discuss ways to resolve the region's debt crisis.

Many analysts expect Euro-

pean officials to put tighter constraints on government budgets.

And spending limits could lead the European Central Bank to take a larger role in buying up debt from troubled countries.

A German official said reaching a deal might take until Christmas, and a French official said it was less likely that an agreement would include all Eu-

ropean Union leaders.

In Wednesday trading, the price of the 10-year Treasury rose 46.8 cents for every \$100 invested.

The higher price lowered its yield to 2.03 percent from 2.09 percent late Tuesday. Treasury prices moved higher in the afternoon when the rating agency Standard & Poor's warned that it may strip the European Union of its long-term AAA rating.

S&P also said it's considering downgrading many of the region's largest banks. The 30-year Treasury bond rose 71.8 cents, and its yield dropped to 3.06 percent from 3.10 percent Tuesday. The yield on the two-year note inched down to 0.24 percent from 0.25 percent. In the market for T-bills, the three-month bill paid a yield of 0.003 percent. Its discount was unavailable. □



# Germany, France scale back ambitions of summit

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**BERLIN (AP)** — German and French officials have lowered expectations for a deal to save the euro at this week's European summit, deflating investors' hopes for an imminent resolution to Europe's debt crisis. On the same day that German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy released the details of a plan for European nations to submit their economies to tighter scrutiny, a senior German official suggested a deal could be weeks away. The summit, which begins Thursday night, has been described as do-or-die for the 17 countries that use the euro. A growing number of eurozone economies are being dragged down by crippling debts. Further urgency was added Wednesday after the ratings agency Standard & Poor's threatened to down-

grade the bonds of all EU countries because their economies were intricately linked with those in the eurozone. That would likely make it more expensive for governments to borrow. Earlier this week, expectations had been rising that an agreement would be reached this weekend, paving the way for the European Central Bank to take bolder action to reduce borrowing costs for Italy, Spain and other heavily indebted countries. That would give governments time to strengthen their finances. But on Thursday the senior German official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because talks were ongoing, said reaching a deal might take until Christmas. European stocks, which had opened the day higher, fell after the comments were made and borrowing costs for weak eurozone governments rose.

"There is a very, very strong

expectation that the summit is going to be a success so there is some potential for disappointment," said Stefan Schneider, chief international economist at Deutsche Bank. "But if there is a convincing plan, which — in contrast to some of the previous plans — might survive the next

two or three weeks, then that could support markets in the first two or three months of next year." The proposal from Merkel and Sarkozy seeks to enforce budget discipline either through a substantial change to the treaty governing all 27 EU countries, or an entirely new treaty

for the 17 countries that use the euro.

In their letter to EU President Herman Van Rompuy, Merkel and Sarkozy stressed a decision was needed at this week's meeting to have the new treaty in place by March.

"We are convinced that we need to act without delay," they wrote.

Van Rompuy offered an alternative way to secure future fiscal discipline. He favors simply amending existing rules that apply to the 17 countries that use the euro. That would allow leaders to avoid the trickier step of requiring every country to approve the new treaty through parliamentary votes. But Merkel and Sarkozy believe that to restore lost trust in the euro currency and calm markets, Europe needs to take the more formal step, even if it's politically more difficult. "If several rounds of negotiations are necessary for that then we are also prepared for that," the senior German official said, adding "there is still no majority on new treaty changes among the member states and institutions."

A senior French official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because talks were on going, said Paris remained optimistic that a tentative deal among the eurozone's members — and others who want to join voluntarily — could still be struck by Friday night. □



France's President Nicolas Sarkozy, right, accompanies U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, left, as Finance Minister Francois Baroin, center, looks on after their meeting at the Elysee Palace in Paris, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011. U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner is touring across Europe with a stark message, for the continent's leaders must act quickly and convincingly to defuse a debt crisis that is threatening the global economy. His visit this week comes on the eve of a summit of European leaders Friday that could yield a plan for resolving the crisis.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

## Palladium climbs on sales expectations

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Palladium prices have hit the highest level in nearly three months on expectations that new car demand will continue to improve. Palladium for March delivery rose \$14.55 to end Wednesday at \$685.45 an ounce. The price has risen 20 percent in the last eight trading sessions but remains 14.7 percent down for the year. U.S. automobile industry sales rose 14 percent in November, according to Autodata Corp. Car companies expect sales to continue to improve as people who delayed purchases during the recession de-

cide to buy a new car or truck. In addition, initial reports from China show strong auto sales in November, Barclays Capital analysts said in a note Wednesday. The improvement in sales has helped insulate palladium from investor fears about Europe's financial crisis which have hurt other commodities, R.J. O'Brien senior commodities broker Phillip Streible said. European leaders are scheduled to gather at a summit later this week to discuss the best way to resolve the debt problems and restore confidence in the euro. □

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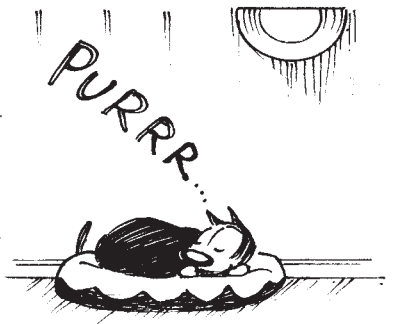
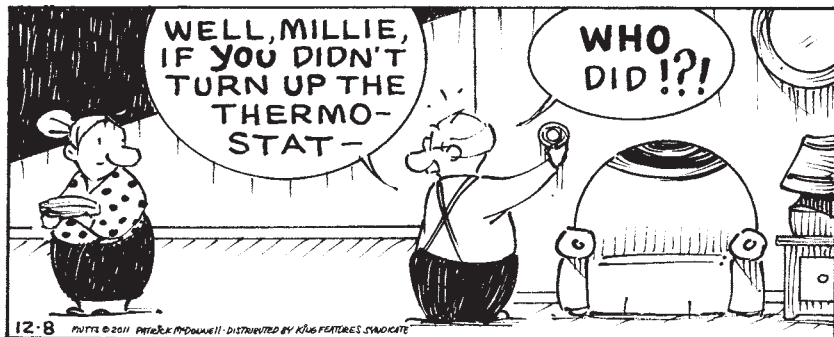
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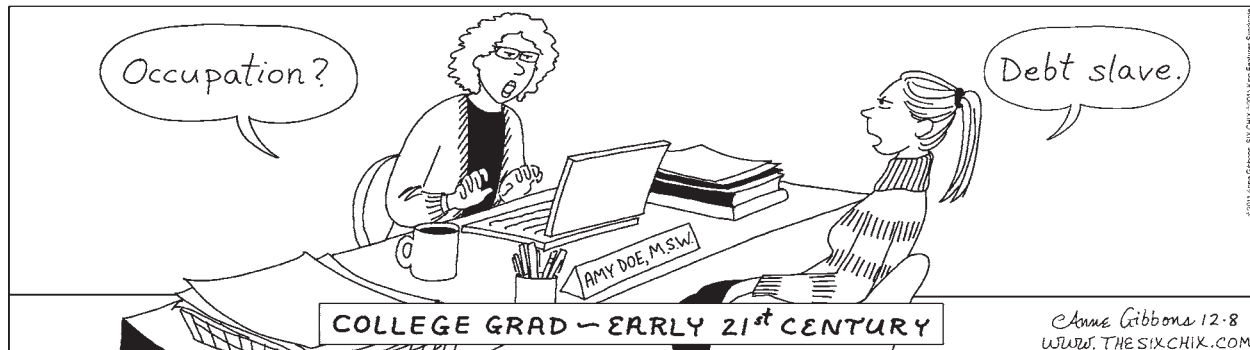
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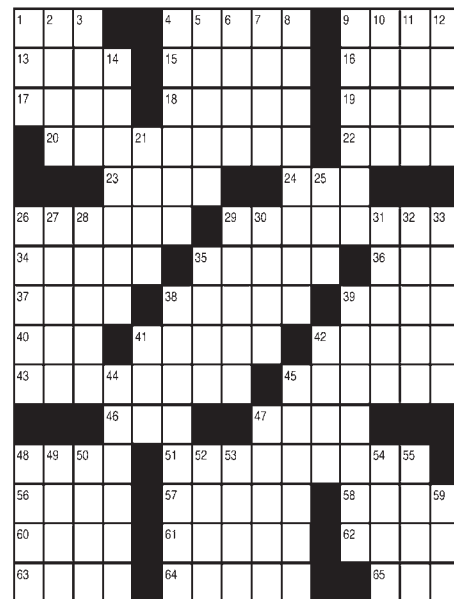
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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1	9	5	3	7	4	2	6	8
8	6	2	1	5	9	3	7	4
5	1	8	7	6	3	4	2	9
7	2	9	4	8	5	1	3	6
3	4	6	2	9	1	7	8	5

**ACROSS**

- Walking on \_\_\_\_; elated
- Pinnacles
- "Get lost!"
- Very dry
- Bird's tweet
- Vagabond
- Conceal
- Cuban dance
- On \_\_\_\_ toes; alert
- Isolation
- Understands
- At \_\_\_\_; relaxed
- African antelope
- Posture; position
- Settler residing in a new land
- Explorer \_\_\_\_ de Leon
- Assumption; thing taken for granted
- Poor grade
- Opie's pa
- Dwelt
- Norton & Berry
- Even score
- Start
- Bread ingredient
- On cloud nine
- Cereal grass
- Word of disgust
- Rotate
- Heroic story
- Lawyers
- Filthy buildup
- Public uprisings
- Go first
- In the past
- Muse with vengeful delight
- Wise man
- Celebrity
- Shouts
- Hee \_\_\_\_; bray



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**Wednesday's Puzzle Solved**

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**DOWN**

- Ooh and \_\_\_\_ over; admire
- Often-purple showy flower
- Go by car, e.g.
- Point the finger at
- Selected
- Very short skirt
- Therefore
- "The Star-Banner"
- Japanese military governor
- Ice cream scoop holder
- Aid in crime
- Fling
- Respectable behavior
- "Arsenic and Old \_\_\_\_"
- Prefix for fat or profit
- Large amount rushing in
- Pick-me-up
- Chile's range
- Do one's \_\_\_\_ duty; vote, e.g.
- Microwave \_\_\_\_
- Perfect
- Intelligence
- Quick to anger

- Oscar-winning Leslie Caron movie
- Listlessness
- Pieces of corn
- Sack
- Tale
- \_\_\_\_ out; get tired
- Explodes
- Sum
- Personalities
- Football kick
- Peruvian Indian
- Flooring piece
- Chisel or saw
- Slangy reply
- Long story
- Morning drops



# At Chanel, Indian elegance in silk and tweed

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**PARIS (AP)** — Like first-time visitors to India, guests at Chanel's "Metiers d'art" show Tuesday emerged with acute cases of sensory overload.

Between the clothes — sophisticated Parisian takes on Indian staples, smothered in accessories — and the set — endless dinner tables heaped with a banquet fit for a Maharaja — you simply didn't know where to look.

Silk saris and tweed jackets don't sound like the ingredients of a fashion match made in heaven, but Karl Lagerfeld's Paris chic looked perfectly at home in his dreamy take on India. The designer looked beyond the admittedly glaring differences between the two aesthetics — Parisiennes' obsession with black compared with Indians' enthusiastic embrace of the entire color wheel, for one — and tapped into something both cultures share: Elegance.

"It sounds terrible to say this, but India is the one country where even the poor have something very chic about them," Lagerfeld told reporters after the show. "Even if she has nothing, the poorest women will have two three bangles, an elegant pink sari. It's very courageous, really." Lagerfeld served up rhinestone-studded dress coats shaped like salwar kameezes and sent out flowing broomstick skirts like those worn in certain parts of Rajasthan.

He paired cropped tweed jackets — Chanel's trademark for decades — with second-skin, thigh-high boots in supple leather that evoked the skinny churidar pants Indian women wear beneath their tunics. Knee-length silk skirts had the fancy draping of a sari, and the evening gowns were fitted with sweeping lengths of fabric the models draped over their heads, like pallus.

And then there were the accessories.

All the models — including an unusually large contin-



**A model presents a creation by German fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld as part of his Paris-Bombay collection for Chanel, presented at the Grand Palais in Paris, Tuesday Dec. 6, 2011.**

(AP Photo/Remy de la Mauviniere)

gent of girls of South Asian descent — were swathed in what literally appeared to be their weight in jewels — chokers, dangly earrings, anklets in burnished gold and strand after strand of pearls and chains that ringed the models' necks, waists and cuffs and ran from their oversized noserings to their hair.

Asked what she thought of

Lagerfeld's vision of India, Delhi-born former model Kirat Young pronounced it "magnificent" and predicted it would win swooning approval back home.

"Everything goes on YouTube and people will be seeing this in India, and they'll be copying it straightaway," said Young, who hit the tone of the collection spot-on in her pastel pink Chanel jacket and an antique silver sari that once belonged to her mother.

"Already I was sitting next to the princess of Jaipur, and (during the show) she was saying 'look at that, I think I'm going to do that when I get home'," she said.

The runway was a thin strip of ground between the banquet tables, where waiters had hustled before the show, serving up steaming masala chai and topping off guests' Champagne flutes.

Multitiered silver platters were heaped with tropical fruits and fashion insiders nibbled on macaroons and spicy Indian snacks. Crystal chandeliers dangled overhead and elaborate candelabras with electric candles dotted the tables.

It was the kind of perfectly executed mega-production that only Chanel, the label with the deepest pockets in the luxury industry, could have pulled off.

Chanel's annual "Metiers d'art" collection was dreamed up about a decade ago to showcase the work of its "petites mains" — artisans from embroiders to flower-makers to goldsmiths — whose handicraft is such an integral part of the Chanel product.

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In this Jan. 30, 2008 file photo, singer Ashlee Simpson and rocker Pete Wentz arrive at Myst night club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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## Ashlee Simpson, Pete Wentz divorce finalized

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Court records show musicians Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz have finalized their divorce and are keeping the exact terms of their breakup confidential. Records show a judge finalized the couple's divorce Nov. 22.

The pair entered into a 103-page settlement agreement, but the document will only be filed if the couple has a dispute about it later on.

The filings do not detail custody arrangements for the couple's 3-year-old son, Bronx.

The finalized judgment was first reported Wednesday by celebrity news website TMZ.com. □

# Guns N' Roses, Chili Peppers in Rock Hall

**NEKESA MUMBI MOODY**

**AP Music Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Guns N' Roses is being welcomed into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The seminal rock band of the late 1980s and early '90s, best known for hits like "Welcome to the Jungle," "Sweet Child O' Mine" and "November Rain," leads the 2012 class of inductees announced on Wednesday.

Also making the cut is the hip-hop trio Beastie Boys; rockers the Red Hot Chili Peppers; the late singer/songwriter Laura Nyro; Donovan; and influential British rock group The Small Faces/The Faces, which included Rod Stewart and Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood.

Nyro, who wrote such hits the 5th Dimension's "Wedding Bell Blues" and Blood Sweat & Tears' "When I Die," is the only female act to make it this time around. The hall passed on Donna Summer, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Heart and Rufus with Chaka Khan, who were on the ballot for 2012. But it wasn't just women who were denied entry into the rock hall for next year. Voters also passed on hip-hop pioneers Eric B. & Rakim, War, the Cure and the Spinners.

Guns N' Roses blazed on the

rock scene in 1987 with their official debut, "Appetite for Destruction." Fronted by siren-voiced singer Axl Rose, with Slash and Izzy Stradlin on guitars, Duff McKagan

millions of albums, providing a sharp contrast to a pop world defined by the likes of Madonna and Michael Jackson.

But the group's turmoil, of-

guitarist John Frusciante, the band, fronted by Anthony Kiedis, with Flea on bass, drummer Chad Smith and guitarist Josh Klinghoffer, released its 10th album,



In this undated publicity image released by Nasty Little Man, the group Beastie Boys, left; from left, Adam "Ad-Rock" Horovitz, Adam "MCA" Yauch, and Michael "Mike D" Diamond are shown; and in this Dec. 16, 2010 file photo, Axl Rose, right, lead singer of the rock band, "Guns N' Roses." The group was nominated for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The Rock and Roll Hall of fame induction ceremony will be held in Cleveland, where the rock hall is based, on April 14.



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on bass and Steven Adler on drums, the group dominated music with its aggressive rock grooves.

Early in their career they were criticized for lyrics in the song "One in a Million" deemed as homophobic, misogynistic and racist. They were also defined by their dysfunction, gleefully embodying the mantra of sex, drugs and rock and roll. The band sold millions and

ten on display before the whole world, would cause the core to fall apart by 1996.

Their induction should lead to talk once again of a possible reunion, at least for the induction ceremony.

Their trajectory was the opposite of the Chili Peppers. Despite troubles that included the drug-related death of guitarist Hillel Slovak and the departure of

"I'm With You," this year.

In a statement on the band's website, Flea expressed his excitement about the honor.

"I feel an infinite energy from what we are doing and looking forward to taking this togetherness we are forging out on tour ... So hearing this news about the hall of fame really seems like it has extra significance for me. □

## 'M-A-S-H' star Harry Morgan dies at age 96

**GREG RISLING**

**Associated Press**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Emmy-winning character actor Harry Morgan, whose portrayal of the fatherly Col. Potter on television's "M-A-S-H" highlighted a show business career that included nine other TV series, 50 films and the Broadway stage, died Wednesday. He was 96.

His daughter-in-law, Beth Morgan, told The Associated Press the actor died at his home in Brentwood, California, after having pneumonia.

Morgan appeared in mostly supporting roles on the big screen, playing opposite such stars as Henry Fonda,

John Wayne, James Garner, Elvis Presley and Dan Aykroyd.

On television, he was more the comedic co-star, including roles on "December Bride," its spin-off "Pete and Gladys," as Sgt. Joe Friday's loyal partner in later "Dragnet" episodes and on CBS-TV's long-running "M-A-S-H" series, for which he earned an Emmy award in 1980.

Yet acting wasn't Morgan's first career choice.

Born in Detroit in 1915, Morgan was studying pre-law at the University of Chicago when public speaking classes sparked his interest in the stage. Before long, he was working with a little the-

ater group in Washington, followed by a two-year stint on Broadway in the original production of "Golden Boy," with Karl Malden and Lee J. Cobb.

Morgan made his way to Hollywood in 1942 "without any assurance that I would find work," he said in a 1976 interview with The Associated Press.

"I didn't have enough money to go back East, so I stayed around finding jobs mainly out of friendships."

He signed a contract with 20th Century Fox after a talent scout spotted him in the one-act play, "Hello, Out There."

One of his earliest films was "The Ox Bow Inci-

dent" in 1943 with Fonda. Other films included: "High Noon," "What Price Glory," "Support Your Local Sheriff," "The Apple Dumpling Gang" and "The Shootist." Morgan began his television career in 1954 when the medium was in its infancy.

"Television allowed me to kick the Hollywood habit of typing an actor in certain roles," Morgan said, referring to his typical sidekick or sheriff portrayals on the big screen

In "December Bride," his first TV series, Morgan played Pete Porter. The CBS series lasted from 1954-1959, when he went on to star in his own series, □



In this Sept. 19, 1982 photo, Actor Harry Morgan sits on the set of "M\*A\*S\*H" in Los Angeles. The Emmy-winning character actor whose portrayal of the fatherly Col. Potter on television's "M\*A\*S\*H" highlighted a show business career that included nine other TV series, 50 films and the Broadway stage, died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011. He was 96. Associated Press





This Nov. 3, 2011 file photo shows Kris Jenner attending a book signing for her memoir, "Kris Jenner . . . and All Things Kardashian", in New York.

Associated Press

## Kris Jenner among panel of Miss America judges

OSKAR GARCIA  
Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Kardashian matriarch Kris Jenner is on a panel of seven judges who will pick next year's Miss America during a pageant in January in Las Vegas.

Jenner, a star of cable reality show "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," will join "Meet the Parents" actress Teri Polo and ABC's lifestyle anchor Lara Spencer on the panel announced Wednesday.

Also judging the pageant will be "Dancing With the Stars" dancer Mark Ballas, "The Bachelor" executive producer Mike Fleiss, "Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition" host Chris Powell and photographer Raul de Molina.

Pageant finals are scheduled for Jan. 14 at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino and will air live on ABC. The judges will interview the state contestants and judge them in preliminary competitions during the week leading up to the pageant. □



# Fonda, stars of 'The Help' honor Hollywood women

SANDY COHEN  
AP Entertainment Writer  
BEVERLY HILLS, California

**(AP)** — For the 20th consecutive year, Hollywood's most powerful women came together to break bread and celebrate their achievements in entertainment.

Jane Fonda and the late filmmaker Laura Ziskin were honored at the breakfast ceremony Wednesday at

Cancer founder Ziskin, who helped raise more than \$180 million for cancer research before succumbing to the disease in June.

Former Paramount Pictures chief Sherry Lansing lauded her friend Fonda for her pioneering work in film, fitness, philanthropy and activism, presenting the 73-year-old actress with the Sherry Lansing Leadership Award.

Lansing said she idolized

Fonda and credited the actress with teaching her to have faith in her ideas and stand up for herself.

Lansing shared a story from early in her career when she worked with Fonda on "She said to me, 'Are you a corporate tool?'" Lansing recalled as the audience exploded in laughter. That exchange, Lansing said, taught her to "never let the numbers or the research cause me to go against my instincts ... that my instincts and my passion were more valuable than anything else."

Lansing went on to say that Fonda has "led us artistically and made us question our lives politically."

"I still idolize you, Jane, and you still inspire me," the former studio chief said.

"Did I really say corporate tool? No wonder people didn't like me," Fonda quipped as she accepted the crystal trophy, "which I guess is made out of a chunk of the glass ceiling that Sherry Lansing broke through." □



Jane Fonda, left, recipient of the 2011 Sherry Lansing Leadership Award, poses with Lansing at The Hollywood Reporter's 20th annual Women in Entertainment Breakfast in Beverly Hills, Calif., Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011. The event celebrated the 100 most powerful women in the entertainment industry.

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the Beverly Hills Hotel, held by the Hollywood Reporter in concert with its annual Power 100 ranking of the entertainment industry's most powerful women.

"This list matters," said Janice Min, the magazine's editorial director.

"Acknowledging the achievements of women in a town where only 16 percent of all powerful, behind-the-scenes jobs are held by them — and that number is declining — is important."

Chelsea Handler, who ranked 97th on the list, welcomed guests including Nancy Grace (ranked 86th) and reality star Bethenny Frankel (No. 100 on the list), along with actresses Kate Bosworth and Emmy Rossum and the ubiquitous Kim Kardashian.

Actress Kirsten Dunst and Sony Pictures co-chairman Amy Pascal (No. 2 on the Power 100 list) presented a tribute to "Spider-Man" producer and Stand Up To

## Pop singer Dobie Gray dead in Nashville at age 69

JOE EDWARDS  
Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)** — Dobie Gray was more than a smooth balladeer who recorded the timeless hit "Drift Away" in 1973.

He wrote songs for an array of country and pop performers, was a trailblazing entertainer in South Africa and, in death, a philanthropist.

Gray died in his sleep at his Nashville home Tuesday after a long battle with cancer. He was 69.

"Drift Away" also was recorded by rap artist Uncle Kracker in 2003 and became a hit again.

Gray's silky tenor also was heard on other hits including "The In Crowd" in 1965 and "Loving Arms" in 1973. His songs received radio airplay on several formats including Top 40, country, and adult contemporary.

"He had such a unique style, so identifiable," said Bud Reneau, Gray's close friend and songwriting partner. "If you listened to his record, you knew right away it was him. It was a big factor in his marketability."

Gray toured extensively in Europe, Australia and Africa, and insisted on performing for integrated audiences in South Africa, according to his web site. After that declaration, he became especially popular in South Africa.

"I guess what you call my 'signature songs' will never die, thank God," he told The Tennessean newspaper in 1988. At the time, he was the only major black vocalist to call Nashville home. □

## Smithsonian Channel uncovers film from MLK murder

DAVID BAUDER  
AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Some forward-looking college professors enabled television's Smithsonian Channel to offer a look at the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. from the time in which it occurred.

The network said Wednesday it will air a documentary in February culled primarily from local news footage in Memphis, Tennessee, where the civil rights leader was murdered on April 4, 1968.

Most of the footage hasn't been seen on television since it originally aired.

Many such moments are lost since local television stations usually taped over old broadcasts or threw away film reels, said David Royle, executive producer at the Smithsonian Channel.

But some University of Memphis professors sensed in March 1968 that civil rights history was happening with a strike of local sanitation workers, the event that drew King to Memphis, and they collected footage of the events through King's murder and its aftermath.

"What they were doing was absolutely visionary — and very unusual," Royle said.

It enabled the production of a documentary with a vivid, "you-are-there" feel and the uncovering of some fascinating moments. Royle said he was drawn, for instance, to coverage of King's famed "mountaintop" speech at the Mason Temple the night before the assassination. Cameras followed King after the speech to where he slumped in a chair, and viewers could sense the man's fragility.

Royle said he traveled across North Carolina and could find only a minute and a half of tape of Ervin in his home state. □



# Egypt, the beginning or the end?



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The fact that the Muslim Brotherhood and the even more fundamentalist Salafist Nour Party have garnered some 65 percent of the votes in the first round of Egypt's free parliamentary elections since the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak should hardly come as a surprise. Given the way that the military regimes in the Arab world decimated all independent secular political parties over the last 50 years, there is little chance of any Arab country going from Mubarak to Jefferson without going through some Khomeini. But whether this is the end of the Egyptian democracy rebellion, just a phase in it or an inevitable religious political expression that will have to coexist with the military and secular reform agendas remains to be seen. The laws of gravity, both political and economic, have yet to assert themselves on whoever will lead Egypt, which is why today I am in a listening and watching mode, with more questions than answers. Question One: Have the more secular reform parties, who led the Tahrir Square revolutions earlier this year and last month, learned from their mistakes? According to a recent poll by done by Charney Research for the International Peace Institute, when Egyptians were asked last month whether the Tahrir protests were necessary to achieve the goals of the revolution or unnecessary disruptions "at a time when Egypt needs stability and economic recovery," 53 percent to 35 percent of Egyptians wanted to focus on economic recovery. The more secular, pro-democracy reformist demonstrators, who revived the Tahrir protests last month, deserve credit for getting the Egyptian Army to limit its power grab. But that seems to have come at the expense of alienating some more traditional-minded Egyptian voters – who still cling to the army as a source of stability – and it seems to have hampered the secular reformists in preparing to compete in the first round of elections. The liberal Egyptian Bloc came in third with about 15 percent of the votes. Egypt's secular re-

formers need to get more organized and unified. Question Two: Do the Egyptian Islamist parties, who could dominate a future cabinet, have any idea of how to generate economic growth at a time when the Egyptian economy is sinking? Egypt today is burning through about \$1 billion in foreign currency reserves a month and is now down to \$21 billion. The Egyptian pound has crumbled to a seven-year low. Youth unemployment is 25 percent. Egypt's main foreign currency earner is tourism, bringing in \$39 billion last year, and today hotel occupancy is way down. But the main focus of the Salafists is not boosting the economy. It's segregating the sexes, banning alcohol and ensuring that women are veiled. The Muslim Brotherhood has been less doctrinaire but is a long way from liberal. How will they be able to advance their fundamentalist religious/social mores when this could drive away Egypt's biggest source of income, not to mention foreign direct investment, not to mention foreign assistance from the European Union and the U.S.?

I don't know. I just know that a key reason the Khomeini forces were able to hang on for so long in Iran was because the ayatollahs had a huge, unending source of oil revenue with which to buy off their people and ignore the world. And even then they faced a popular revolt. Egypt does not have such resources. Its only hope for growth is still free-market capitalism – spawning companies and workers who can compete on the global market. Therefore, whoever inherits power in Egypt will have to deliver a less corrupt form of capitalism, with more competition, more privatization and fewer government jobs, at a time when the Egyptian economy is sinking.

As Egypt's Mohamed ElBaradei, a Nobel laureate and reformist leader, told The Associated Press, "I think the Brotherhood in particular, and some of the Salafis, should send quickly messages of assurance both inside the country and outside the country to make sure that society continues to be cohesive, to make sure that investment will come in." □



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**WASHINGTON** – Hello chatter, my old friend. The sounds of silence are a dim recollection now, like mystery, privacy and paying attention to one thing – or one person – at a time. As far back as half a century ago, the Swiss philosopher Max Picard warned: "Nothing has changed the nature of man so much as the loss of silence," once as natural as the sky and air. As fiendish little gadgets conspire to track our movements and record our activities wherever we go, producing a barrage of pictures of everything we're doing and saying, our lives will unroll as one long instant replay. There will be fewer and fewer of what Virginia Woolf called "moments of being," intense sensations that stand apart from the "cotton wool of daily

# Silence is golden

life."

"In the future, not getting any imagery or story line or content is going to be the equivalent of silence because people are so filled up now with streaming video," said Ed Schlossberg, the artist, author and designer who runs ESI Design. "Paying attention to anything will be the missing commodity in future life. You think you'll miss nothing, but you'll probably miss everything."

Schlossberg said that, for a long time, art provided the boundary for silence, "but now art, in some cases, is so distracting and intense and faceted, it's hard to step into a moment. Especially when you're always carrying a microcamera and a screen all the time, both recording and playing back constantly rather than allowing moments of composition and stillness when your brain can go into a reverie."

In an inspiring throwback, art once more offers a chance to step into a mute and vivid moment of being in "The Artist," the new silent movie that hit the Cannes Film Festival like a thunderclap.

First, an American writer and director, Woody Allen, created a gorgeous homage to vintage Paris in "Midnight in Paris." Now, a French writer and

director, Michel Hazanavicius, has created a gorgeous homage to vintage Hollywood.

Not being a silent movie buff, I was trepidatious about "The Artist." And a 23-year-old at the Motion Picture Association of America screening here puzzled over why it needed to be silent. But I loved the clever evocation of a primal fear featured in the many iterations of "A Star Is Born," as well as "Singin' in the Rain," "Sunset Boulevard," "The Invasion of the Body Snatchers," and "All About Eve": Will you get to the top, only to be devoured by the hot new thing?

"More and more people have that fear because of the financial crisis and how fast the world is changing," Hazanavicius told me. "You're at the top one day and very quickly you can fall. In the generation of my parents and grandparents, people worked in the same factory all their lives. Now people work there two months and they put it in China. Now you're born into one world and you die in a very different world."

It turns out that all the skeptics were wrong, and it was clever to do a silent movie in 2011, as an antidote to our modern plague of pointless chatter. It's a weird paradox that the essential feature of technology

is talkativeness, but usually without the sound of human voices attached.

In the case of "The Artist," silence is not only golden, it's a reminder of how much you can articulate without words. If you take away the language, green screens and 3-D glasses, the feelings – pride, vanity, envy, fear, love – can be more primary and fascinating. Hollywood rarely makes great movies anymore. They make comics, phrases ("Friends With Benefits," "He's Just Not That Into You") or holidays ("New Year's Eve," "Valentine's Day") and attach scripts that are often dreadful.

Hazanavicius has made a witty, moving and joyous romance about a dashing silent movie star, George Valentin – akin to John Gilbert and Douglas Fairbanks – who can't accept talkies and a jazz-baby starlet who rises as he falls, and loves him as he crashes and literally burns.

The theme of silence is used ingeniously throughout, in Valentin's relationship with his loyal Jack Russell terrier, in his "Citizen Kane" silent breakfast table tableau with his farbisina wife, and in the climactic Fred-and-Ginger tap dance that substitutes, as it did for Fred and Ginger, for a sex scene. □



# Video games for all tastes and attention spans

**SETH SCHIESEL**

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It was not long ago that video games were on the verge of being marginalized in American culture – like comic books. (When was the last time you saw an adult reading a comic book, err, excuse me, a “graphic novel,” in public? Never?)

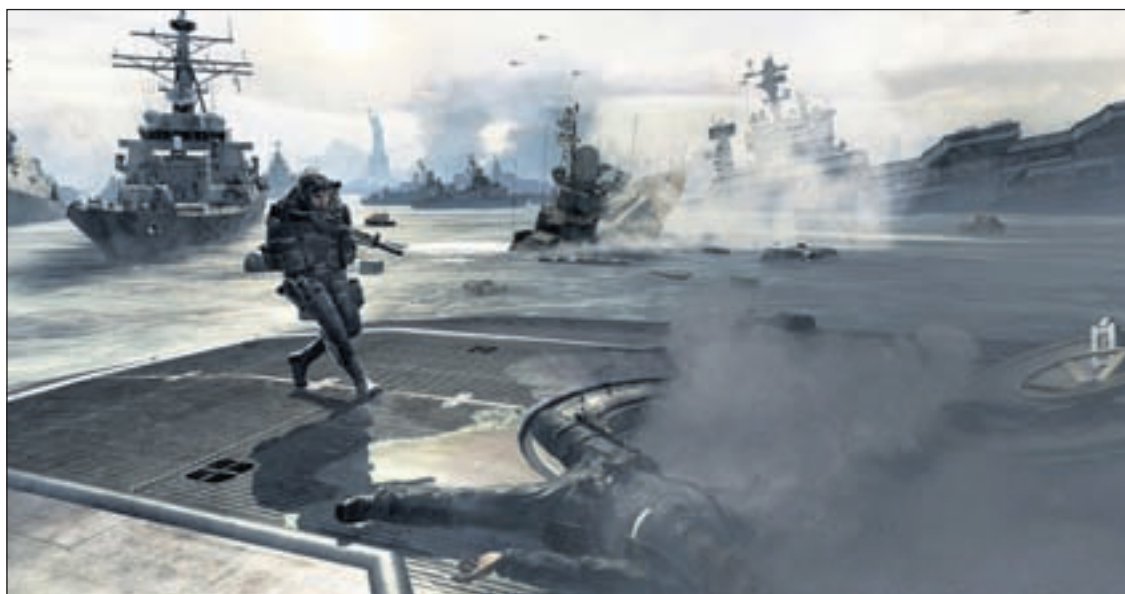
Now, it seems that almost everyone plays some kind of electronic game. You’ve got people who can hardly tell a thumbstick from a thumb drive out there who, nevertheless, just won’t rest until they master every level of Angry Birds. You’ve got women who take refuge every day in FarmVille or Sims Social. And there are plenty of executives who seem to be perpetually negotiating some big business deal on their phones when they are really just playing Tetris or Bejeweled.

But what are you going to buy these people for the holidays? If you’re one of them, to what might you treat yourself? Are you really going to take the easy way out and just get a downloadable gift card or a bunch of online game points they can cash in for a new barn on their virtual farm?

Nah. You want video game gifts that are a bit more substantial. Maybe something the kids might enjoy as well.

Thankfully, game makers are producing more high-quality entertainment for a broader variety of players than they ever have in the past. No other form of fun melds advanced digital technology, personal engagement and mass-market cultural relevance as felicitously as video games. That is why video games are the ascendant form of popular entertainment. (For instance, there seem to be a lot more game ads than movie pitches on television this holiday season.) And that is why games make great gifts.

Here are some of the top games of the year and a few game-related accessories that should each elicit plenty of smiles this



**A scene from the video game “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3,” in an undated handout image. It seems that almost everyone plays some kind of electronic game, making some new releases like Call of Duty, Star Wars: The Old Republic, Uncharted 3 and Batman: Arkham City, a good gift for the coming holidays.**

(Activision via The New York Times)



**A scene from the video game “Batman: Arkham City,” in an undated handout image. It seems that almost everyone plays some kind of electronic game, making some new releases like Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3, Star Wars: The Old Republic, Uncharted 3 and Batman, a good gift for the coming holidays.**

(Warner Brothers via The New York Times)

holiday season:

“Child of Eden” – This time last year, the big new gadget in game land was the Kinect add-on for the Xbox 360. With Kinect, you can stand in front of your TV and the system can quite literally see what you are doing with your body, like moving your hands or feet. You don’t have to hold or use any sort of electronic device.

Kinect has enabled a great flood of dance games and exercise programs, but my favorite Kinect game of the year is “Child of Eden.” It is visually captivating and should be easy for anyone to understand. You simply move your hand to aim a reticle on the screen, controlling bolts of light that

clear the path to the next level while your movements generate accessible, catchy electronic music. It might sound weird, but it feels great. The game is also available for the PlayStation 3 and uses that system’s Wii-like Move controller. Rated E 10 Plus.

“Batman: Arkham City” – I talked a little smack about comic books earlier, but I’m really not a hater. Perhaps the most intriguing aspect of the comics business is that while few people seem to read actual comic books anymore, properties like Batman have found wide new popularity and longevity in completely different media like films and games. “Batman: Arkham City” isn’t just the best Batman game;

it is by far the best game ever based on a comics franchise. In “Arkham City,” the Dark Knight can freely swoop, swing and glide around a decayed urban landscape populated by all manner of freaks, including favorites like the Joker and Riddler. There are plots to uncover, Batgadgets to collect and plenty of skulls to crack. And if you’re looking to put a little slink in your step, you can also play as Catwoman. If anyone you know has any interest in comics and games, “Arkham City” is a must. For Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Windows. Rated T for Teen. PlayStation 3-D Display – This is Sony’s attempt to bring 3-D to the people: a full 1080p 3-D television for

only \$499.99, including one set of the required glasses. The catch is that the screen is only 24 inches, diagonal. So the intended environment is really dorm rooms and bedrooms rather than living rooms. But in a smaller room it can work quite well. The picture is vivid and sharp. Unlike computer monitors, the 3-D display includes loudspeakers, so this is also a real TV. The secret sauce in the 3-D display is a new technology Sony calls SimulView. In that mode, two people wearing glasses can each see a completely different (two-dimensional) gaming image. That means two people can play head-to-head on the same monitor without having to split the screen.

The caveat is that SimulView doesn’t work very well from a couch across the room, and only a few games support it. Extra glasses cost \$70, and the system inexplicably includes no remote control. Nonetheless, the Display is still a step forward in making 3-D accessible to all. (And it works with Microsoft’s Xbox 360. Shhhh. Don’t tell Sony.)

“The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword” – To be blunt, the Wii is on its last legs. The Wii has done more to bring video games back into the mainstream than any other product, but this low-definition system is showing its age. Thankfully, Nintendo is sending the Wii on its way with the richest game yet for the platform, the latest installment in perhaps the top game series of all time, “The Legend of Zelda.”

“Skyward Sword” makes more sophisticated use of the Wii’s motion-sensitive controller than any other game (as in precision sword-fighting), and hardly any game series has matched Zelda’s challenging yet careful design. Compared with games on more powerful consoles, Zelda looks a bit outdated, and in many ways it still feels like a game from decades past, but for hardcore Nintendo fans, nothing can beat “Skyward Sword.” Rated E 10 Plus. □